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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

From the Orient.

The steamship Port Augusta, of the C. P. R. Steamship Line, passed up to Vancouver yesterday afternoon, fifteen days from Yokohama.

Escaped to Victoria.

J. A. Northway, the absconding Seattle broker, is believed to have made his way to Victoria, and a deputy sheriff from Seattle arrived by the Olympian last evening to endeavor to locate his man.

The Daily Fire.

The usual grass fire at Beacon Hill occurred yesterday between 4 and 5 p. m. on the city side of the hill. It was extinguished by the little army of workmen now busy on the spot, without the aid of the fire department.

The Puebla Is a Flyer.

A proud man is Captain Debney, of the steamship City of Puebla. The steamship reached San Francisco on Wednesday from Victoria in 48 hours and 35 minutes, beating all previous records. In addition to a chanticleer on her main truck, the Puebla now carries a broom.

The Wrecked Schooner Webster.

Capt. Hadden, of the sealing schooner J. H. Lewis, who was in Victoria on Wednesday, was also owner of the schooner Webster, which was lost in Alaskan waters this season. The Webster has been taken off the reef where she was abandoned by her captain and crew, and disposed of on the spot for the benefit of those holding claims against her. The purchaser was Mr. Henry Tibballs, of Port Townsend.

Mr. Dowie's Lectures.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowie's evangelical lectures yesterday afternoon and evening were well attended. The subject, a continuation of the previous discourses, was handled in a bright and eloquent manner. Mrs. Dowie spoke a few words to the ladies present, which were listened to very attentively. The usual doxology was sung at the close of the meetings. The lectures will be continued this afternoon and evening.

Uniform Rank K. of P.

A meeting for the election of officers in the new Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, formed in connection with Far West Lodge, No. 1, of this city, was held last evening, when the following officers were elected: Sir Knight Commander, H. Behnsen; Sir Knight Lieut.-Commander, A. Black; Sir Kt. Herald, R. Plummer; Treasurer, D. F. Fee, Jr.; Recorder, A. Lewis. The contract for the uniforms was awarded to Leask & Morrison.

Bound for the North.

The C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Sardonyx sailed at 8 o'clock last evening from Spratt's wharf, bound for Fort Simpson and all intermediate ports. Her cargo consisted of 250 tons of general supplies for the stores and stations. Among the few passengers going up were Miss Lockaby, who intends visiting her brother at Fort Simpson; Mr. C. E. Perry, C. E., and a party of surveyors, who with him intend working in the neighborhood of Fort Rupert.

Fine Fruit.

A branch of blue plums have been suspended from Frank Campbell's verandah for several days past. They were grown by W. and F. Robson, Plumper's Pass, and are an evidence of the fine quality and wonderful quantity of fruit that may be grown in the islands of the Gulf. The clusters of plums are as thick as clusters of grapes. The cultivation of fruit will surely be one of the most lucrative occupations of the future.

Nicola Valley.

A gentleman from Nicola states that the grasshoppers are dying off, and that the devastation caused by them is much exaggerated. The ranchers are much discouraged, however, and are constantly selling their farms to the Douglas Lake Cattle Co. It is only a matter of time, our informant states, until Nicola Valley is entirely in the possession of this wealthy cattle company. The latter, however, pay the farmers satisfactory prices for their holdings.

Testing the Hand Engine.

At 7 o'clock last evening, the three fire companies, in charge of Chief Engineer Deasy, gave an exhibition drill at the corner of Government and Fort streets, using the hand fire engine. Chief Engineer Strickland, of New Westminster, watched the drill, he having been sent over to examine the manual engine, with a view to purchase. His report upon the working and the value of the engine will be presented at the next meeting of the Royal City Board of Aldermen.

Chinese Laborers.

The Chinese laborers who a short week ago imagined they controlled the labor market are liable to find within a a few days that their services can be easily dispensed with so far as the greater number of them are concerned. Several more canneries than those enumerated yesterday are just about out of cans and will probably close down about the end of the present week. This will throw a large number of Celestials on the labor market, and ease the strain that has been held for a month or more.—Columbian.

The New Bridge.

Good work and quick work is being done by the workmen, who under Mr. Williams, the contractor, are engaged in the construction of the new Rock Bay bridge. The structure is now completed to the swing, and the men are busy with the last bent of trestle work, —the only one on the Rock Bay side. Between this and the completed portion of the bridge there remains a span of about 100 feet, which is to be provided with a centre swing bridge of the same pattern as that used on the E. & N. railway. The new bridge will be about four feet higher than the old one that has done duty since '66, and this difference in the level will very materially reduce the short hill on the Rock Bay side.

The Phenomenal Salmon Run.

The salmon run in the Fraser shows no signs of diminution, but on the contrary, is on the increase, and on Wednesday night the run was the best since the season opened. Incredible as the statement may appear, in Woodword slough the fish were so numerous that their black fins could be seen sticking out of the water almost as thick as grass blades in a garden. The number of boats fishing at present is not more than half the number employed two weeks ago, but still they are sufficient to catch all the fish required by the canneries. The only drawback to the great run, is that scarcity of canning materials, and owing to this cause most of the canneries are shutting down, having already secured a full pack.

Capt. Purdy's Good Luck.

Capt. Robert Purdy, who made many friends while in Victoria with his former ship The Argyleshire, has been given the command of a much larger and finer ship, by his well-satisfied employers. Capt. Purdy sailed in the Argyleshire for Queenstown, leaving Victoria on January 1st, this year, and arriving in the Australian port on May 1. He then went to Newcastle to load coal for Valparaiso, and while taking on his cargo was notified of his promotion. Finding that he would have several weeks at his disposal, he at once crossed the Atlantic, and was married to a young lady of Massachussetts. This pleasant duty performed he returned to England, and took command of his new ship, in just 21 days from his time of leaving Newcastle. The captain and his bride are now on their way to New Caledonia in his new command.

Incoming Passengers.

The following passengers are on board the steamship Walla Walla, for Victoria, due from San Francisco this morning: E. M. Hillgard, R. Crawford, Miss Frey, W. Brown, J. McGill, F. Monherd, Miss M. Wise, J. McCallum, T. M. Coleman, T. Harper, S. Withrow.

The Black Diamond Affair.

Messrs. Moss and Frank, owners, and Mr. Thomas, master of the schooner Black Diamond, went to Esquimalt and boarded the flagship yesterday afternoon for the purpose of interviewing Admiral Heneage. The Lieutenant-Governor was closeted with the Admiral at the time of their visit, however, and they were not accorded an interview. They will go again to-morrow.

A Bad Indian.

About four weeks ago Dominion Officer Lewis was roughly handled by a Siwash whom he attempted to arrest for having liquor in his possession on the reserve. The Indian got away, and was not seen until yesterday, when Acting Superintendent Miller arrested him on a charge of assaulting a constable. A search disclosed the fact that he was armed with another bottle of "square face," and he will in consequence have another charge to face in the police court this morning.

LITTLE LOCALS.

A handsome slate roof is being put on the new St. Andrew's Church.

Eighty tons of salmon for San Francisco await shipment by the Umatilla.

Ald. Kelly's ice factory, with one tank running, is turning out an average of one ton per day.

Special meeting of the city council tonight. Mr. Pickering will explain his sewerage plans.

Mrs. Roberts, widow of the late Constable Roberts, has received a cheque for $2,000 from the A.O.U.W.

D. J. Levy, the absquatulated Johnson street tailor, has been heard of in Tacoma. His establishment is still in hands of the sheriff.

A powerful Corliss engine for the National Electric Tramway Company's power house is being built at the Albion Iron Works.

The new compound engines for the steamer Hope, which are being built at the Albion Iron Works, will be placed in position during September.

The old stable on Broad street, for some time past used by Ald. La Coadre, is being torn down, and will be replaced by a new one.

Two cases of drunkenness were brought into the police station this morning at 1 o'clock. One culprit was a white and the other an Indian.

A bed of thick blue clay several feet through, was struck at a depth of sixteen feet yesterday by the workmen employed in excavating for the Johnson street sewer.

The Dominion Government Savings Banks officials here have received notification of the reduction of interest on savings banks deposits from 4 to 3½ per cent.

Mr. Demeres, a well known mainlander, intends opening a new grocery at the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets, Rowbotham & Co.'s old stand.

A letter received yesterday from Austin, Tex., contains the information that Superintendent Roycraft, late of this city, is at present rusticating there.

The heavy galvanized iron cornices, manufactured by Messrs. McLellan & McFeeley, were placed in position yesterday on the new Southgate building, Fort street.

Two painters—D. and A. Taggart—took their departure from Nanaimo on Wednesday morning in a rowboat, bound for Victoria. They left many creditors to mourn their sudden departure.

Two convicts, who have recently completed long terms of imprisonment at Seattle, came over by the Sound steamer on Wednesday night. Their absence is better than their company.

Grass fires still continue to be every day of every occurrence. One was discovered on the line of the E. & N. Railway between this city and Russell station yesterday, and was extinguished with a few buckets of water.

Dr. Walkem, of Nanaimo, piloted a large number of the visiting medicos through Chinatown last evening. The merry doctor does not speak Chinese, but he can converse fluently with the Chinamen in Chinook.

The unprecedented rise of the water in Harrison Lake is attributed to the immense salmon run. The fish are so thick that the water is black with them from shore to shore, and boats have to plough their way through the fish to reach the beach.

Dominion Police Officer Lewis, who has been watching the Indians very closely lately to see how they would receive the news of the burning of their graveyard, says that they are very quiet about the matter, and will not refer to it at all if not directly questioned. For this reason he is paying all the more attention to them, as they at heart are known to be very indignant.

A man named Keenaple, who is wanted in Seattle on two charges of felony, forgery and embezzlement, and against whom there are judgments aggregating $7,000, is now in Vancouver. He is reported to be anxious to make amends for the past, and pay up his old debts providing the indictments are quashed or not prosecuted.

MARINE.

Steamer Maude came off the ways last night.

Steamer George W. Elder is due from Alaska.

The schooner-scow Eliza sailed for Sooke last night.

Steamer Southern California is still awaiting charter.

Schooner Wanderer returned from Sooke yesterday afternoon.

Steamer Hope arrived yesterday with a boom of logs for Sayward.

Steamer Danube arrived yesterday with freight from Vancouver.

Sailed from Hong Kong, Aug. 12th: Steamship Parthia, Vancouver.

Steamer Corona is due to-night, bound for Alaska, but is not expected to arrive until to-morrow.

Barque Doris Brodersen completed discharging yesterday, and is now waiting for her return cargo of salmon.

Steamer Sir James Douglas came in at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the West Coast.

Arrived at San Francisco, Aug. 14th: Ship Ericsson, Nanaimo; steamer City of Puebla, Victoria.

Sailed from San Francisco, Aug. 14th: Barque Bundaleer, Nanaimo; barque C. C. Funk, New Westminster.

British barque Janet Ferguson, Capt. McGibbon, is loading wheat for England at Portland, and will sail early in September.

Ship Ericsson, from Nanaimo, with a cargo of 2,113 tons of coal, arrived at San Francisco on Wednesday, after a narrow escape from loss. The tug Active attempted to tow her in on Tuesday evening, when a heavy fog hung over the bay. The captain of the tug lost his reckoning, and soon the ship struck on the beach a short distance south of the Cliff House. The Active vainly tried to pull her off. Word was sent back to the city for another tug. Both pulling together, the ship was got off and brought to San Francisco slowly in a leaking condition.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

HE WANTED TO DIE.

An Attempted Suicide Which Creates a Little Excitement in Chinatown.

A crowd of excited, jabbering Chinamen blocked up the sidewalk on Government street, between Fisgard and Herald, at about 11 o'clock last night, and their presence seemed to indicate that something unusual was happening in the second story of the Chinese tenement in front of which they stood. Passing up the rickety little staircase, a COLONIST reporter elbowed his way through the dirty, vile-smelling crowd, and found that the cause of the commotion was a would-be suicide.

Dr. Walkem had been passing the spot a few minutes before, and was hurriedly called in to attend a lodger named Ah Yung, who had swallowed half an ounce of raw opium. Ah Yung, who works about D. E. Campbell & Co.'s drug store, has never been very much addicted to the dangerous drug, but of late has been smoking very heavily. When his friends found that he was likely to die, and tried to bring him to his proper senses, he became indignant and attempted to jump out of the window. Even this he was not allowed to do, and a native doctor was called in, and proceeded to work in his own peculiar fashion, first killing a duck and then holding the wriggling and headless fowl over the sick man and allowing the blood to squirt down his throat. When Dr. Walkem, and, after him, Dr. Milne, made their appearance, they at once prescribed different treatment, more effective, though a little rougher. By the use of heavy emetics, after an hour or more of hard work, they brought the patient back to thorough consciousness, and he is now out of danger, although very weak.

The cause given for the attempted suicide is heavy losses at the gambling table. Ah Yung, his friends say, dropped over $600 at fan-tan last night, and was very despondent in consequence. There is an impression prevalent that he could tell a good deal in regard to the recent burglary at the store of his employer, if he so desired. Some, in fact, believe that the money missing found its way through the Chinaman's hands to the gambling table.

ONE OF THE THIRTEEN.

Dalton McCarthy, Q. C., M. P., Pays His First Visit to Victoria.

Dalton McCarthy, Q. C., M. P., and Mrs. McCarthy, of Toronto, and J. E. T. Tepler, of Barrie, are among the guests at the Driard. Mr. McCarthy, who is one of the leading figures in Canadian politics, arrived by the Islander last night on his midsummer vacation trip. This is his first visit, although a long contemplated one, to the Pacific Coast; and he intends remaining in the province long enough to become thoroughly acquainted with its beauties and peculiarities. Leaving Toronto on the last of July it was his intention to cast the cares of business entirely behind him. He was, however, called upon to address several meetings in Manitoba, and has been requested to speak in Vancouver before returning east. On arriving in Victoria, it was to find that preparations had been made to afford him an opportunity of speaking in this city upon the much agitated Jesuit question, and he will in all probability give Victorians the pleasure of listening to one of Canada's most gifted orators by addressing them some evening during the coming week.

Mr. McCarthy says that he has been very much pleased with his entire trip. The weather during his run across the continent could not have been better for sight seeing as a rule, although the bush fires at present obscure the scenery in the Selkirks. His passage through British Columbia has so far been very hurried, but he now intends settling down for a few days to thoroughly enjoy himself by resting and sight seeing.

Dalton McCarthy has in days gone by been referred to as the "brains of the Conservative party," and although he never laid claim to a monopoly of what the party has never yet found itself deficient in, he nevertheless was deserving of the compliment implied. For years he has been a member and head of a leading law firm in Toronto, and has been quite as prominent in political circles, taking a first rank in the House of Commons as a parliamentarian. During the last session of parliament he was rendered still more conspicuous as a leader of the opposition to the Jesuits' Estate Act, the disallowance of which by the Governor-in-Council he advocated in one of the two or three memorable speeches of the session.

PRESS EXCURSION.

Members of the Washington Press Association Who Will Visit Victoria This Evening.

The third annual meeting of the Washington Press Association was held in Tacoma this week. An extensive programme was arranged for the entertainment of the press men, including a trip to Victoria. This latter part of the programme was announced for today, and the party are expected to arrive by the North Pacific this evening. The following people comprise the party:

Frank Owen and wife, Chehalis Bee.
W. H. McEwen, Ellensburgh.
J. F. Carrere, Olympia.
C. M. Holton and two ladies, Olympia.
J. W. Gunn and E. E. Warner, Snohomish.
S. S. Johnson, Walla Walla.
W. C. Clark and sister, Bunch Grass Realm, Rockford.
A. E. Partridge and A. F. George, The Centralia News, Centralia.
Orting Oracle—One person, Orting.
Herald, Aberdeen—One person, Aberdeen.
A. C. Bowman, H. M. Shaw and wife, L. K. Rightmire—Seattle Budget, Seattle.
Thomas Prosch, Seattle.
Marion D. Egbert, wife and daughter, Walla Walla.
Fred Fuhler and wife, The Cheney Sentinel, Cheney.
C. M. Holton and son, The Yakima Republic, Yakima.
Editor and wife of Kitsap Pioneer, Sidney.
Allen Weir and wife, Port Townsend.
P. J. Johnson, Walla Walla Union, Walla Walla.
J. N. Muncy and lady, Pasco Headlight, Pasco.
Arthur Gunn, The Courier, Kelso.
Thomas K. Cavanaugh and three others, Olympia.
J. M. Cummins, Wallula Herald, Wallula.
A. B. Thompson and wife, Inlander, Dayton.

AT BEACON HILL PARK.

The Work of Improvement Going Bravely on—New Attractions at the Zoo.

Two large gangs of men are at present busy with the work of improvement at Beacon Hill Park. The first squad, over thirty in number, are felling the veteran trees which stand in the way, and clearing the ground preparatory to grading the new road way past Mr. Leech's residence. Mr. Baker has the contract for making the new road to the park, and is personally superintending the work. The second gang, of over fifty, are clearing and excavating for the new lake. They have found it necessary to dispose of an immense number of grand old trees, but the result of their work, when seen in all its beauty, will abundently repay their loss.

The seal, which has already become a great pet owing to his sociability, was removed to the little spur of Alderman Lake, on the city side of the rustic bridge yesterday. A screen of rustic work has been constructed under the bridge to prevent his entering the lake and lunching on the gold fish. The cage adjoining the one in possession of the "Bird of Freedom," also found an occupant yesterday in the shape of a fine cock pheasant, now the admiration of all visitors. Another donation to swell the ever-increasing list was also received yesterday, a pair of pretty little black bear cubs being provided with temporary quarters in one of the wire cages.

The pet seal is not of the variety which the great American republic has taken under its wing. It is of the kind known as the "hair seal," and is a rarity in the Pacific waters. They are found, however, in large numbers off the coasts of Greenland and Newfoundland, where they are hunted for their oil and pelts. The latter is manufactured into harness leather, and is also used for upholstering furniture. These seals in the east are worth about $4 each. No attempt has yet been made to utilize the few found on this coast.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

WRESTLING.

W. H. Quinn, the wrestler, is training hard for his match with Conners, the English champion, to come off in this city on Thursday next. Professor Faulkner and E. D. Shade have him in hand, and his exercise at present consists of a four or five mile walk in the morning and a twelve mile row in the afternoon. In his last match with the Jap at Seattle, Quinn wrestled at 165 pounds. He is now trying if possible to bring his weight up to 175 pounds. His opponent Conners, when in condition, tips the scale at 180.

Both men have famous records, and the match will no doubt prove the best ever witnessed in this city. If possible it will take place on the stage of The Victoria; if the theatre cannot be secured for the evening wanted, in the Philharmonic Hall.

Matsada Sorakichi, the Jap, and Prof. Faulkner, who were to wrestle a three nights' engagement at the Club Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next, have cancelled their engagement. The Jap is still a very sick man, and is going East for his health.

RUNNING.

Backers of McIntyre and Watson are talking of arranging a second race for $500 a side. The friends of the California boy are still confident of his superior powers.

A fairly large crowd of sports was drawn to the Hill last evening by the announcement that a 50 yds race for $50 a side would be run by Walter Millington and Frank Leroy. The race was called at 7 o'clock, W. Dickson being chosen as starter, and W. Stephenson as judge. The race proved close and exciting, and was won by Leroy by a few feet. Time about 6 seconds.

THE RING.

It is reported that the fight between Tom Cleary and Mike Brennan will take place near Port Townsend on Sunday next. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at the result of the last meeting of these men, which has been considerably worked up over it; he intends making this the fight of his life. Cleary has fought 43 battles and lost two. Brennan's record is about the the same. George Cassie and Bloomfield will fight to a finish in the same ring on the same day.

CYCLING.

There were almost a dozen wheels in line at the regular club run of the Island Wanderers last evening. Capt. Scott and Lieut. Miner were in command, and after parading the principal streets, a short run was taken out into the country.

HERE AND THERE.

The Hyack fire company of Westminster will send a hose team to the Tacoma tournament, and are practising steadily for the races.

Schumacher, who is to wrestle D. S. McLeod in a few days, has gone to Nanaimo, where the match will take place. Both men are in active training.

Harvey McKenna and Jacob Shaefer have signed articles of agreement for a straight three-ball billiard match, to be played in New York city in November, 1889, 5,000 points, for $5,000.

The athletic benefit that was to have been given in the skating rink last night, has been postponed until Saturday week, when a first-class programme will be presented at the Caledonian grounds. All the noted athletes now in the city will take part.

The Victoria Athletic Club's new rooms and gymnasium in the Brackman & Ker block, are being fitted out in thoroughly first-class style, and will be ready for occupation in the course of a few weeks. The club will give a grand formal opening when they move.

The steamships City of New York and Teutonic have just completed a close race across the Atlantic from Queenstown to New York. They both left the former port at the same time, but the City of New York reached her destination first, one hour and 40 minutes ahead of her opponent.

VICTORIA SKATING RINK.

The Victoria skating rink on Yates street has been leased by Messrs. Dennison & Stokes, of Nanaimo, who intend opening it shortly for roller skating. The lessees intend doing all in their power to make the rink a thoroughly respectable and worthy place of amusement.

PERSONAL.

H. Bushing, of Reading, Pa., is at the Oriental.

R. P. Bates, of Philadelphia, is at the Clarence.

J. Rogers, from Montreal, is at the Oriental.

Rev. Dr. Talmage is expected to arrive to-night.

Judge Van Bokkelin, of Port Townsend is in the city.

The Rev. W. T. Herridge, of Ottawa, is at the Oriental.

S. G. Siston, of Tacoma, a real estate rustler, is at the Clarence.

R. Ross and W. R. Ross, from Winnipeg, are registered at the Clarence.

E. W. Wiltshire came from the mainland last night, and is registered at the Oriental.

Charles S. Sister and wife, of Saratoga, are paying a visit to Victoria, on pleasure bent.

Miss G. Storey left for Golden on Tuesday morning last to take charge of the school there.

Chief Ackerman, of the New Westminster fire department, was in the city yesterday.

E. J. Northrup, of Portland, Or., is at the Clarence. He came from Tacoma by the Sound boat last evening.

R. P. Rithet, who has been spending several weeks in California, is a passenger on the steamer Walla Walla, now due.

H. E. Crossdaile and a party of friends have gone to Cowichan Lake on a fishing excursion. They expect to return about the end of the month.

W. C. Matthews, of Toronto, manager of the Canadian office of Dun, Wiman & Co., arrived from the east last evening, and is at the Driard.

Mrs. E. E. Blackwood and Miss Susette Jackson left this morning by the steamer Olympian for a month's visit to Mrs. Edward Huggins, of Tacoma.

George Cullen Pearson and H. E. Levesby, of London, are at the Driard.

President Dickson, of Upper Canada College, Toronto, with Mrs. Dickson, is at the Driard.

Robert Scott, formerly of Wellington but now overman at the Vancouver Company's Northfield mine, was in the city yesterday, and will leave this morning for a fortnight's visit to Washington Territory.

J. N. S. Williams, of Honolulu, brother of B. Williams, of this city, will leave for home by way of San Francisco on the next steamer. Mr. Williams, who was at one time a resident of Victoria, was married recently to a Honolulu lady of wealth and position. The happy couple came to Victoria on their wedding tour, and are now going home.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

THE NOMINATIONS.

Hon. Theodore Davie and Dr. Milne Officially Placed in the Field.

Nominations of candidates for the seat in the Provincial Legislature rendered vacant by the Hon. Mr. Davie's acceptance of office, were opened at noon yesterday at the office of the returning officer, J. E. McMillan, Esq., sheriff.

At 1 o'clock the nominations were closed and the returning officer announced the names of the candidates as follows:

Theodore Davie, of Victoria City, barrister-at-law; nominated by Thomas Earle; nomination seconded by W. J. Anderson. Assentors: Geo. A. Sargison, H. S. Mason, D. R. Harris and J. C. Blackett.

G. L. Milne, of Victoria City, doctor of medicine; nominated by C. E. Renouf, nomination seconded by Alexander Wilson. Assentors: Geo. Powell, Jno. Meston, R. Maynard and Hugh McDonald.

Voting will take place on Wednesday, August 21st, at the polling place, Philharmonic Hall.

THE ALDERMANIC PICNIC.

A Trip Over the Line of the New Main—The Civic Board and their Guests Enjoy a Pleasant Day's Outing.

At 9:30 yesterday morning a gay crowd of citizens gathered in front of the city hall, where a dozen hacks were drawn up ready to receive them. In addition to the mayor and counsel there were over twenty invited guests, including ex-mayors and ex-aldermen, and Messrs. Pickering and Hill.

The party started from the city hall about 10 o'clock. On reaching the 150 feet level above the city, the first point where the new 16-inch main lay uncovered, most of the party left the hacks to go on, and started to walk down the line of pipe to the Saanich Road, examining everything very carefully the whole way. From the 155 feet air valve the pipe falls to a level of 104 feet, then gradually rising up to 130 feet above the sea. The distance between the two rises is a half mile, and the run down and up from the bottom to the rise gives a pressure of 20 lbs. to the square inch. From the 130 feet level the pipe takes another down slope to 90 feet at a point facing the rifle butts. Here a sharp corner is turned, the grade going down to the bottom of the "ditch" (112 ft). Up again the pipe, which here runs through the rock, reaches the summit of the ditch at a height of 144 feet. Here is an air valve, and here also is where the hardest rock was met with when the bed was being cut. The pipe, from this air valve, runs along level to the turn of the Tolmie estate. At this place a halt was made for some minutes, and the party gathered together to discuss the merits of the pipe up to the distance traversed ($1\frac{1}{2}$ miles). After this turn there is a rise again to the 150 feet level, where another air valve is fixed. Another quarter of a mile along an even level brought the party to the turn of the Hudson's Bay Company's estate, where the pipe runs along ten feet depths in the rock. At the sharp turn the pipe takes at this spot the level is 118 feet, and a hundred yards further on, alongside the H. B. barns, the level is only ninety feet, about the same elevation as Cook and Pandora streets in the city. Then the line takes a deep dip bringing the level to 72 feet, and rising again to a height of 95 feet. At the bottom of this dip the pressure is ordinarily 55 lbs. For five hundred yards after this the pipe runs along straight, to the turn of the McKenzie estate, and then on a slight up grade till it crosses the Saanich road, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the starting point and at a level of 132 feet. On reaching the road the party found the hacks waiting for them and, re-entering these, were driven up along the line of the pipe, which from there to the lake runs along the road, to the waterworks, a distance of 5,000 feet.

When Beaver lake was reached everybody got into punts, the main party going in one, the members of the press in another, and the hackmen in a third. The occupants of the Aldermanic punt, anxious for some excitement, and feeling that the sport of being pulled over the lake at the rate of a mile a year was not a performance tending to the good spirits of the party, implored the pressmen to start a race. Though the contest was one sided, there being four hackmen with paddles against two representatives of the local organs, they complied and led the distance for a couple of hundred yards when the Jehus, inspired by the encouraging cheers of the onlookers, got ahead and it looked as if the reporters were going to be left. A little bit of strategy, however, was the means of gradually cutting the hackmen into shallow water while the latter, nearing home with every stroke, were already congratulating themselves instead of looking ahead. A couple of violent bumps, however, soon brought them to a sense of their position and their opponents rowed home as they liked, while the proprietors of the noble steeds that walk Government street were left stranded high and dry on a half covered rock. The victors were decorated with water lilies, the handsomest of which Mr. James Fell abstracted and wore in his buttonhole during the rest of the day. When the lake had been "done" by everybody an adjournment was made to Stevens' hotel, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared. The tables, covered with all the delicacies of the season, were headed by the Mayor, Aldermen Wilson, Coughlan (vice-chair), and McKillican. Messrs. Pickering and Hill were seated on the right and left of Mayor Grant.

With one exception, the after-dinner speeches were heartily in praise of the Albion Iron Works, the Water Committee and the Water Commissioner. Everybody was pleased in the greatest degree with the new main, and although several "weepings" were discovered in it, those present were assured by practical men who spoke on the subject that none of these were of the slightest consequence. The Water Commissioner, in a long and clear speech, went into a considerable number of figures, explaining fully the nature of the work carried out by him and the alterations and extensions which would have to be looked for in after years. He was loudly applauded.

When the dinner was concluded the lovely orchard attached to the hotel was visited by everybody, and several of the staid and stately city fathers disported themselves among the loaded-down pear, apple and plum trees, as if they were boys again. It was a fitting close to a pleasant picnic, and one that will be remembered by the participators for a long time to come. Good humor and pleasant badinage reigned supreme, and Diogenes hob-nobbed with the dishonest men, and left his lantern at home for the day. To conclude, Alderman Harrison said grace. Owing to want of space, the speeches, many of which were very interesting, are crowded out.

In order to more thoroughly test the new pipe, the full flow of water was kept running all day.

FROM THE RICE COUNTRY.

The British barque George, 895 reg., Capt. Wm. Grant owner, Capt. Townsend master, arrived off the Outer Wharf on Wednesday night, having made the run from Saigon, China, with a cargo of 1300 tons, in the uncommonly fast time of 64 days.

The George sailed from the great rice country on June 11th, loaded with paddy for the Victoria rice mills. She was fortunate in having fair winds and weather all the way across, and made the trip without accident or unusual incident of any kind. After lightering at the Outer Wharf, she will be brought in to the rice mills dock, probably this evening.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Art School.

Mrs. J. R. Fraser, 139 Pandora avenue, is commencing her new term art classes. Mrs. Fraser has been teaching for the past six months, and is well qualified to impart instruction in painting and art needlework. Intending pupils may apply at her residence on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The Corona's Last Trip.

The steamship Corona will leave here for Alaska to-day. This will be her fifth trip, and the last that the Corona will make this season. Every trip some tourists failed to secure accommodation, and it is believed that next summer the company will put on larger boats and thus try to accommodate the increased travel.

They were Caught.

A few minutes to 3 o'clock this morning a fashionably dressed man and woman were arrested by Sergt. Walker on suspicion of being a pair wanted on the other side for the larceny of money and jewelry of considerable value. The couple had come over by the Olympian and were going on board the Islander when arrested. The missing property was found in their valise.

In the Police Court.

Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M., had a little more business in his court yesterday. There were four cases to dispose of, although none of them were of importance. W. R. Rogers, for commuting too much with the wine cup, was fined $5, and Jessie, an Indian charged with the same offence, paid the same fine. Joe, another Siwash, was convicted of having a bottle of gin in his pocket, and was assessed $25 therefor. The Chinese assault case was at last brought to an end by the defendant being convicted and a fine of $10 and costs imposed upon him.

The Seattle and Northern.

The Skagit news gives the following lucid explanation of the recent suspension of work on the Seattle & Northern railway: "Work on the Seattle & Northern has been entirely suspended. The company had contracted for a large amount of land on the islands, and to meet the requirement of this contract they had to have twenty miles graded by the 1st of August. This they have accomplished and now propose to take a rest, as they have another year to fulfill their contract, and not to occupy the right of way, as was at first supposed.

A Peculiar Case.

M. Marboeuf, the proprietor of the "Poodle Dog," tells of a remarkable case of absent-mindedness. Sir W. Hoste, the day before starting for Harrison Hot Springs, stated to him that he (W. H.) would settle on the following day. He failed to do this, through forgetfulness, no doubt, and has again neglected to settle before starting for the east. Of course M. Marboeuf does not insinuate that Sir Wm. did this intentionally, but attributes it entirely to absent-mindedness, Sir Wm. being frequently affected in this way.

Obituary.

George Stairs Brown, aged 75 years, passed peacefully away yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. The deceased was a native of Halifax, N.S., where he was for many years engaged in business. With his wife he came to this country last year to be among his family, a couple of whom, Messrs. Percy R. and Robt. A. Brown, have long been resident in this city. Messrs. G. H. & W. R. Brown, grocers, are also sons of the deceased. The funeral will take place from his son's residence, 65 Collinson street, to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and thence to Ross Bay Cemetery.

"The Story of Creation."

A plain account of evolution, by Edward Clodd, author of "The Childhood of the World," "The Childhood of Religion," "The Birth and Growth of Myth." The above has been received from the Humboldt Publishing Company, and is for sale at all the bookstores. Price, 30 cents. Whoever wishes to know, in simple language, the gist of all that Darwin, Spencer, Lubbock and Tylor have contributed to the common stock of thought of humanity, as coordinated, and illuminated with endless side-lights of his own and of others by a clear and concise philosophical thinker, cannot do better than read for himself this admirable digest of modern evolutionism.

The Beacon Hill Fires.

At about 10:30 o'clock last night, a belated visitor to Beacon Hill park discovered what was evidently a deliberate attempt to set fire to the grass, near the new lake. A pile of dry sticks, neatly arranged, was burning brightly; while a small tin of coal oil made it plain that the fluid had also been used in starting the bonfire. Fortunately the grass was very wet, and the fire was extinguished before it had a chance to spread. Evidently some malicious person is in the habit of setting fire to the dry grass at the hill, presumably in the hope of a big conflagration being the result. He has managed to give the fire department dozens of useless trips, and unnecessary annoyance and hard work; and if discovered, as it is to be hoped he will, should receive heavy punishment.

Good Music in Store.

The cantata "Daniel, or the Restoration and Captivity," composed by Messrs. Root and Bradbury, will shortly be given by the choir of the First Presbyterian Church under the direction of their popular choirmaster, Mr. J. G. Brown. The chorus will number between 30 and 35. This choir is now the largest in Victoria, and report says, the best. It will no doubt give a good account of itself on this occasion. As the cantata will not take up the whole evening, a second part will be contributed, consisting of solos, etc., by some of the most distinguished musicians in Victoria. Arrangements are not yet perfected, and fuller information will be given the public in a few days regarding the performance.

A False Alarm.

There was great excitement among the Indians in the city yesterday. A large number of them arrived over from the Fraser River canneries, having only just heard of the seizure of the Black Diamond. It appears that they obtained a very distorted report, having heard that fifteen vessels had been captured and sunk by the cutter Rush. Lamentations were loud till their fears were quieted by their friends in Victoria who knew the rights of the case. Two of them, Jimmy, and Salmon Rock, went to several of the shipping offices inquiring for news of their father who is on the Sapphire. They stated that if their progenitor had been killed by the United States cruiser they would at once proceed to Washington and lay a claim for damages against "the custom house."

New Shoe and Leather Business.

The Pacific Shoe and Leather Co. is in process of incorporation in this city, for the purpose of carrying on a leather, tanning and boot and shoe manufacturing business. The capital stock is placed at $100,000. The intention is to purchase W. Heathorn's tannery and establish a manufactory having the latest improved machinery for making boots and shoes. The promoters are practical men, who have subscribed a considerable portion of the stock, and they desire to associate with them others who will provide a sufficient capital to start the business on a sound basis. There should be no reason why the enterprise cannot be successfully inaugurated. It would be the means of employing a goodly number of white men, and as the field is constantly growing, through the increase of population, the company would commence business with excellent prospects of success.

The Corona.

The steamship Corona, Capt. Carroll, arrived from the Sound last evening. She has a full complement of tourists, who will visit Esquimalt this morning. The Corona will sail for Alaska in the afternoon: She reports the Umatilla at Tacoma, in nowise injured by being ashore. She is expected to reach Victoria to-morrow.

UNDER LOCK AND KEY.

Barney Williams, the American Crook, Arrested in Victoria.

Barney Williams, a very "crooked" crook, who, with a woman travelling with him and calling herself Mamie Purcell, was arrested by Sergeant Walker yesterday morning, is at present enjoying the hospitality of the police station. Barney is a Philadelphian, and is possessed of a far from enviable reputation. His latest exploit was at Seattle on the last day of July, when he was seen leaving a lodging-house on Johnson street, the door of which he unlocked with a pair of nippers. Investigation showed that he had "gone through" the place very successfully, the list of articles missing being as follows: Five $20 gold pieces; five $10 gold pieces; five $10 notes; one $5 note; $10 in silver; one diamond scarf pin, valued at $110; one diamond collar-button, valued at $90; one pair sleeve-buttons, valued at $75. Total, $490.

Immediately after the robbery, the police of Seattle got to work, and traced Barney to Tacoma. Here he managed to keep under cover, and Deputy Sheriff Z. T. Holden of Seattle, who had the case in hand, was unable for a time to discover his whereabouts. Finally Williams and his "fancy" decided to come to Victoria, whither the officer followed them.

He located his man in the Pritchard House, and was laying his plans, when Barney discovered that he was tracked, and prepared to skip. He took a ticket for Vancouver, and his female companion took passage on the Sound steamer. Thinking that it was time for action, Mr. Holden secured the services of the city police, and Williams was arrested in the woman's stateroom, charged with bringing stolen property into Canada.

When searched a large sum of money was found in his possession, but no jewellery. The woman has not yet been searched. His birds being safely caged, Holden has telegraphed for instructions as to future action; and will probably have to wait now until extradition papers are made out.

LATER.

Last night Barney weakened, and returned to Deputy Sheriff Holden the money stolen. He also gave the officer particulars as to where he would find the jewelry hidden in Seattle. Mr. Holden will leave for Seattle this morning, and if he recovers the stolen property will at once telegraph to Supt Sheppard, and Williams will be released.

LITTLE LOCALS.

St. Ann's Convent school and kindergarten will re-open on Wednesday next, at 9 a.m.

There was a decided change in the weather yesterday. Rain and blue mist took the place of sunlight.

Joseph Lester died yesterday at the Royal Hospital. He was 46 years of age and a native of England.

Tenders have been invited for the erection of a power and engine house for the National