

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Tramway Company. On Saturday afternoon, at two o'clock, the new plant of the National Electric Tramway and Lighting company will be formally inaugurated at the station, Rock Bay.

Assize Court. This morning, a special court of assize will be opened for the trial of Phelan, charged with the murder of the late Dr. F. E. and Joe. Silk, accused of being an accessory.

Browned. While fifty head of cattle, belonging to Mr. Goodacre, were being driven up from the steamer Princess Louise, last night, one of them ventured too near the edge of the wharf, and fell over. Before assistance could reach it, it was drowned. The beast was valued at about \$90.

Speaks Well. A well-known Eastern firm have written their British Consul, requesting him to make a point of securing all the big orders possible in Victoria. Of 350 Victoria drafts falling due in December to this one firm, all but six were promptly met, and two of these were returned owing to office mistakes having been made.

W.C.T.U. Entertainment. A new and pleasant entertainment is to be furnished at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Temperance Union, on Monday evening next, in the Temperance Hall. It is called a Demorest Model Contest, and a number of Victoria's popular young ladies are to be present. The music will be a specialty. Admission 25 cents.

On and Off the Red Flats. On her last trips to Nanaimo to Portland with coal the Montgkuit in going up the river to Portland ran ashore and remained fast in the mud for some days. Mr. J. A. Fullerton went to the scene, returning Wednesday. He had the Montgkuit again by about 200 tons and on Friday last she was got off without suffering any damage.

A Nest Calendar. One of the handiest and most serviceable calendars issued in Victoria this year is that of the Western Assurance Co., of Toronto, of which Messrs. Halstead & Co. are the Victoria agents. The heading is nicely lithographed, and the dates are plain as to be just the thing for any business office.

The Death Penalty. At 8 o'clock this morning, Stincham, the Indian murderer, is to be hanged in the jail yard at Westminster. The doomed man's age is over 80, and his hair and beard are snow-white. Despite his four score years, he is strong and hearty, and fully prepared to meet his death. It is stated that, in his younger days, before the whites settled on the mainland of B. C., Stincham killed ten men.

A Victorian on His Honeymoon. Mr. George A. Cooper, well and favorably known in Victoria, was married in Portland on the 12th inst. to Miss Anna Arvin, a young lady of that city. The bride is charmed with Victoria and it is hoped that the couple will make up their minds to remain here for good. Mr. Cooper, who is a member of the Victoria Club, is a partner in N. and N. P. Co.'s offices and for several months their local agent here. Mr. Cooper and bride are registered at the Driford.

Orange Grand Lodge. The Orange Grand Lodge of British Columbia finished its session at Westminster on Wednesday night. The report shows a material increase in the membership of the lodge since its last meeting at the Grand Lodge. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the finances to be in a very satisfactory condition. The lodges of Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops and Westminister were represented by delegates.

The Steam Schooner Rosie Olsen. This schooner is another good addition to the Victoria fleet. She was built at Port Townsend by Andrew Gray and Captain G. Cox for Victoria citizens. It is expected she will arrive here, to-morrow, and will be immediately equipped for service. Her gross tonnage is 30 tons; net, 23 tons; length, 60 feet; breadth, 18 1/2 feet. The captain and crew of the Rosie Olsen will be picked from competent men of this city.

A Tree Fell on Him. Mr. John Bove Gronson narrowly escaped being killed while cutting a tree at a ranch on the Burnside road, yesterday. When he had finished cutting the tree a limb fell, knocking him down and before he could rise the tree had fallen, breaking his ankle and fracturing his thigh. When he recovered he crawled on his hands and knees for about five hundred yards to a house, where he was rescued and received kind attention, and from there he was taken by Dr. Jones to the Jubilee Hospital. At last accounts he was doing fairly well.

The Sewerage Committee and Sewerage Commissioners met yesterday morning, and again in the afternoon, to consider the tenders for sewer pipes, opened at Wednesday's meeting in the Council Chamber. The committee and commissioners will meet again this morning, when a decision will be arrived at and the contract awarded. It is understood the tender of the local company is considerably the lowest, and as they have guaranteed to supply a pipe fully equal in quality to any that can be imported, it is hoped they will secure the contract.

Dinner at the Government House. The following guests were entertained at dinner at Government House, last evening, by His Honor the Lieut. Governor; Sir M. Begbie, C. J., Mr. Justice Cassin, Mr. Justice Walkers, Mr. Justice Drake, Hon. John Robson, Hon. J. H. Turner, Hon. E. Pooley, Hon. Theo. Davis, Hon. W. H. Higgins, Hon. Robt. Beaven, Capt. Parr, Mr. N. Lieut. Davenport, R. N., Col. Holmes, Capt. Benson, Major Peters, Capt. Palmer, Capt. Ogilvie, Staff Surgeon Patterson, R. N., Lieut. Burstall, Dr. Matthews, Dr. Duncan and Mr. Herbert Stanton.

The Honored Visitors. The following were a few among the many visitors occupying seats on the floor of the House at the opening of the late sittings, yesterday: Mrs. Wm. Angus, Miss A. Allen, Miss Allen, H. C. Beaton, agent-general for B.C., Mrs. Beaton, Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., Rev. Mr. Barber, Mr. J. L. Beckwith, Mr. Chudley, Mr. Justice Cassin, Mr. W. E. Chambers, Mrs. Charles, Dr. T. Davis, Miss Davis, Mr. Justice Drake, Thos. Earle, M. P., Mrs. Earle, Mrs. D. M. Elworthy, Miss Finlayson, Mrs. Goepel, Mrs. Hamlin, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. G. Hammond, Dr. Rev. Bishop Hill, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kalns, Miss Kinsman, Mrs. Kinsman, Miss Law, Mrs. Lawless.

Miss Longworth, Senator and Mrs. McMoran, Rev. Macdonald, Miss Macleod, Mrs. Mohun, Mrs. Morley, Miss McKay, E. W. Matthews, Hon. Levi W. Myers, U. S. Consul, Mrs. Milne, Miss Newton, Miss Phipps, Miss A. Phillips, Miss F. F. Fisher, Miss R. Ford, Miss R. Ford, Miss R. Ford, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. A. Turner, Mrs. Tye, Miss and Mrs. Windsor, Dr. Wade, Mrs. Wade, Mr. Wainwright, G. Wright, Mrs. W. Wolfenden, Mrs. Justice Walkers. Many others were present, but their names could not be obtained.

A young man named Arthur Stevenson is under arrest, in Seattle, on a charge of obtaining money on false pretenses. The Seattle papers say, "Stevenson is the son of the Marquis of Bristol. That he left England some three years ago, and has since been leading a very reckless career. He formerly lived in British Columbia, but had to suddenly fly from there, on account of being outwitted by his creditors. His arrest in Seattle was out short by his arrest for passing a bogus check."

The police court was held in Chief Sheppard's office, yesterday morning, on account of the election. Three small cases were disposed of and one remanded till today. The first was a drunk, who pleaded guilty, and was fined \$5. An Indian, who was charged with having an intoxicant in his possession, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$25 and \$2.50 costs. A Chinaman, Hong Sing, was charged with passing a bogus check, to get on fire, and, as the fire engine had to be called out, was charged \$25 in addition to the \$2.50 costs. Jim Lee, who had been remanded from Wednesday for passing a bogus check, was again remanded. The owner recognized the chickens and said she had missed several others. Jim said he had bought the chickens from another man and would have him in court this morning.

In Mascotte. The Boston Gaiety Comic Opera company had an immense house at the Victoria, last night, to whose great delight they presented, with numerous alterations and emendations, the well-known favorite opera of "Le Mascotte." The audience roared with laughter at many of the local and Pacific Coast "improvements" upon the original. Miss Harvey who impersonated the Mascotte was unquestionably the star of the company. She sang with effect as also did Messrs. Louis Monico, (Pip-pip), George Whitman (Roco) and Mr. W. J. (Frederic). Some of the characters were very satisfactorily rendered, and all present seemed to thoroughly enjoy the programme. The stage appearance was worthy of praise, and the spectacle remains toward the grave. The company appear in "Olivette," and will, on Saturday, give a matinee, when "Erminie" will hold the boards.

FOUR NEW GRAVES. The Victims of the Wharf Disaster Interred at Ross Bay Cemetery. The remains of the men so prominently identified with the recent disaster at the Outer wharf, were viewed by a large number of citizens who assembled at 9 o'clock, yesterday morning, at Mr. Hayward's undertaking rooms, at Ross Bay. The bodies were placed in the new vaults toward the grave. The bodies were enclosed in cloth covered caskets and the inscriptions were neatly engraved on silver metal attached to the outer wall of the vault. Mass was chanted by the Rev. Father Nicolay for the unfortunate men at half-past seven o'clock. The funeral procession was a peculiarly impressive one. It started from the vault, was followed by four hearse containing the dead, and behind were seven carriages filled by the pall-bearers, friends and mourners, the chief mourner being Mrs. Fox. Arriving at the burying ground, the usual service was performed, Rev. Father Nicolay officiating. The bodies were laid near each other, in separate graves, and all present seemed deeply moved with the service.

THE WILD SUICIDE. Summary of the Case and Verdict of the Jury. Coroner Morrison, yesterday afternoon, held an inquest into the circumstances attending the death of John Wild, who died from the effects of strychnine, which he had voluntarily taken, having purchased it from a drug store under the pretence of wishing to destroy a troublesome cat. A number of witnesses were examined, whose evidence went to show that the deceased had been found in a room on the 9th inst., in a agony, that he was attended by Dr. Milne, who said that the symptoms were those of poisoning by strychnine, that he administered antidotes, which the sufferer refused to take, but that he was forced upon him. He, however, died from the effects within a short time. It was stated that all had been done to save his life, but he resisted all the physician's efforts, and that the quantity of strychnine was supposed to have been taken, and traces which were found in his stomach, rendered it almost impossible that his life could have been saved. He was given a poisonous substance by several persons, it was shown that he had proposed marriage to a woman of doubtful reputation, her refusal of which was one of the causes of his act, and was referred to in a letter found in his room after his death. It appeared that he had given a cheque on the Bank of British Columbia, for which he had no funds, in consequence of which a warrant was out for his arrest; but it was also said that he was respecting money from his mother. The evidence taken altogether appeared to fully justify the verdict arrived at, that "the deceased came to his death by poison taken by his own hand."

THE BEARS OF NORTH AMERICA. Interesting Paper Read Before the British Columbia Natural History Society by C. Phillips-Wolley, F.R.S.G.S. Mr. Phillips-Wolley said that he had stung a few rough notes together, at the request of the society, but offered them to the society as a preliminary presumption of hope of instructing the meeting, but rather from a desire to provoke discussion and obtain information for a somewhat important work upon which he was at present engaged. At intervals during the past twelve years, and in such different countries as Russia, the Caucasus, Norway, Spitzbergen and North America, the speaker had done his best to cultivate a closer acquaintance with Mr. Bruin, but although in that time he had killed twelve bears, and seen a large number which he had failed to bag, he was more uncertain on some points connected

with the life history of his subject, now, than he had been when he commenced to study him. Passing lightly over the bear's habits, his nocturnal ramblings in search of food, his hybernation, and during the different seasons of the year, and other points of the like nature, upon which the lecturer assumed that most of his audience were well informed as himself, Mr. Phillips-Wolley directed attention to considering the question, "How many species of bear are there in North America?" As bearing upon the question, Mr. Wolley referred to the Caucasus, in which country the great naturalist, Dr. Reade, alleges that there is but one species of bear, the small brown bear of the Pyrenees, whereas the lecturer himself had shot bears of three varying in size and color from the size of the big ursus arctos, or brown bear of Russia, to a small 200 lb. bear, resembling the silver tip in color, except that he has a broad snow white collar round the neck and white tips to his ears. The ordinary bear of the Caucasus is a brown bear of about 300 to 400 pounds in weight, living in lowland forests upon fruit and vegetable diet, he is a harmless beast and not generally dangerous even when provoked.

The other bear, (the silver tip), is a smaller bear, lives in the highest mountain countries, being found even above the snowline in very desolate and high mountains, and is considered dangerous to the natives and invariably from cub-hood to old age is distinguished by the white collar and ear tips. In spite of the difference in coat color, Mr. Wolley then alluded to the distinguished naturalist before alluded to, claims that both of them belong to the same species, Mr. Wolley here exhibited skins of bears, obtained by him in the Caucasus, and a skin of a bear from the light straw color of the big Russian bear, to a deep blackish brown, and again to the silver grey of the white collared variety.

In passing, Mr. Wolley then alluded to the fact that he had seen a bear of Spain by the well known English ornithologist, Mr. Abel Chapman. This gentleman asserts that in Spain as elsewhere there are two kinds of bears, a large and a smaller kind known as hornigruers. But to come home to British Columbia, continued Mr. Wolley, how many kinds of bears are there in America? Trappers and Indians will tell you of a dozen different kinds—grizzlies, silver tips, range bears, bald faces, cinnamon, a white bear found on Peace River, black bears, etc. Some naturalists were inclined to count four species of bears in this country, and a bear of Alaska called, he believed, ursus Richardsoni.

For himself, the lecturer was inclined to class all the bears of America under three kinds—black, grizzly, and silver tip, the range bear, the white bear of the Peace River district, and the Alaskan bears, he would class as brown bears or grizzlies (call them what you please), and the grizzly bear, the cinnamon bear would feel inclined to put together in the other class. A young cinnamon, he felt most uncertain. He had seen an opportunity to see a young (thanks to the kindness of Mr. Boscowitz), of examining a very large number of bear skins, but none of the distinguishing marks upon which men relied for distinguishing the varieties, appeared to be constant.

It was alleged that the claws of the grizzly were less arched and lighter in color than those of the black bear, and this was the main point of difference, and the claws were very curved and dark. Here Mr. Wolley exhibited an Alaskan skin lent by Mr. Boscowitz. There were many points of difference, in structure of the teeth, in the shape of the open to conviction, and anxious for information from those old hunters, whom he always sought out as his teachers, he was himself inclined to believe that there were two species of bears living in this country, the grizzly and the black; although the latter skin he had to exhibit made him almost doubt whether these two kinds were as distinct as they might be. He then returned to the subject of the cinnamon bear, and said that he had seen a cinnamon bear of brownish color, inclining to straw color along the spine and at the muzzle, killed by him upon the Hope trail. The Indians called it a grizzly; but the lecturer said that he was inclined to believe that he himself was inclined to "give it up." The meeting seemed unanimously of the opinion that it was a small grizzly.

The question as to the cinnamon bear was left open for some of the gentlemen present inclining to class him as a variety of the black bear, in favor of which is the assertion that a black bear has been seen in the city once or twice, the black bear, and others inclining to consider him as a grizzly, in favor of which there may be quoted his meat eating habits and his alleged ferocity. Mr. Wolley proposed to discuss the question of the cinnamon bear in his spare time in 1891 to further investigations in this branch of natural history.

PERSONAL. T. H. Osgood, of Seattle, is in the city. P. Sibby and wife are guests at the Driford. H. M. Jordan, of Tacoma, came over last evening. J. J. Croft, M.P.P., returned home last night. S. M. Robins, of the V. C. Co., is at the Driford. W. Parkinson, of London, England, is in the city. T. G. Gordon Mann, of Edinburgh, Scotland, is at the Driford. W. G. Paterson and C. H. Street, of Vancouver, are in the city. Thos. Downey, of Donald, came over by the Inlander last evening. John Kirkland and Mrs. Kirkland, of Ladner's Landing, are at the Driford. Norman Macleay came over by the Inlander, last evening, by the City of Seattle. C. C. McKenzie, M. P. P., came down from Nanaimo yesterday to attend the Legation.

A. Pike and E. M. Marshall, of Calgary, came over by the Inlander last evening, and are at the Driford. W. H. Mears, travelling freight agent of the N.P.R. arrived over on the City of Seattle last evening. T. G. Mason, representative in Victoria of Gauls Bros. & Co., Montreal, has left for the mainland on a three or four weeks' trip.

ADVICE TO MOVERS.—Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child lying awake at the foot of your bed? Or is the child restless, or does he cough and sneeze? Or is he soothed at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, and he will be quiet and comfortable. It is the best remedy for all these ailments. It is a prescription of one of the oldest and best of our grandmothers, and it is sold in bottles of 25 cents and 50 cents. It is sold by all druggists throughout the world. Price 25 cents a bottle. Beware of cheap imitations. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind.

THE CITY'S RULERS.

Mayor Grant Re-Elected By Almost Two to One—A Big Vote Polled.

The Contest in the Wards Not Such a Sure Thing—A Promising Council.

The election is over, and John Grant is still mayor of the city of Victoria. His majority, 407, or almost the number of votes polled by his opponent, was a great surprise even to his friends. A majority of 200 was allowed him by some of his sanguine supporters, but anything larger was hardly looked for. The election, as it promised to be from the first, was full of excitement, and the vote polled for mayor was the largest ever recorded at a municipal election in Victoria.

The returns, declared by the veteran H. A. Berry & Co. of Vancouver have set out their truck and dry business. Geo. Roussell is opening a coal and lumber office in Vancouver. Victoria West. This evening, a musical and literary entertainment was given at the West Methodist church, for the benefit of the organ fund. The programme is well selected, and will, no doubt, be successfully presented.

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Football. This afternoon there will be a Rugby practice game of football, commencing at three o'clock at Beacon Hill. It is hoped there will be a large number of spectators, and the match worked together in anticipation of the match with Vancouver, this day week.

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Congregational Minister. A meeting of leading Methodists was held at Mr. Raynor's office yesterday, to arrange for the expected visit to Victoria of Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, the Evangelists. It had been desired to have them about the middle of February, but it was learned that they could not, with their existing arrangements, come here until the month of March. The question was therefore referred to the Pandora Avenue and George Road churches. Meeting Rev. Mr. White and Mr. McLellan will attend their services in Portland next week and ascertain what can be done. The question of occupying the uncompleted church building in the event of their coming, was referred to the trustees and the meeting adjourned sine die.

Civil Service Examinations. Following is the list of candidates who passed successfully the civil service examinations in Victoria in November: PERMANENT. Fagan, Joseph E. Oliver, John. Goodwin, Wm. S. Roberts, Thomas. Hollins, John M. Stewart, Herbert D. R. Atkinson, Edw. O. Morton, Thomas. Barber, Anna V. Roberts, Thomas. Bower, Francis. Stewart, Emily C. Collins, Wm. L. Thorpe, James E. Jouis, Alfred.

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS. Barber, Anna V. Type-writing. Thorpe, James E. Precia. A Coming Concert. The annual Burns' anniversary concert, by the First Presbyterian church choir, is looked forward to by a great many with keen pleasure. Scotchmen are under a debt of gratitude to the First Presbyterian church, and their capable conductor, for the excellent concert they provided for the citizens of Victoria, of all nationalities, but they excel in Scotch music, and the concert on Wednesday, 21st inst., will be no exception to the others. The programme will be a Scotch one, from beginning to end. Several new performers will take part. There will be a sprinkling of Burns' songs, Jacobite songs, Tammany songs and other Scotch songs, sufficiently varied to suit all tastes. The artists are all of first class reputation, and every Scot should make it his duty to help celebrate Burns' anniversary, by attending the concert, and, at the same time, spend a most enjoyable evening.

George Hughes' familiar countenance again beamed upon the court, yesterday morning. He was charged with vagrancy, pleaded guilty and said "that he could not work." As His Honor had heard that plea before, and had done everything possible for him, he did not sympathize with him a cent's worth, and sentenced him to three months at hard labor. James Curtis was charged with supplying an Indian with an intoxicant, but, on his behalf, His Honor remanded the case till to-day. Jim See, the abolitionist, pleaded guilty and said "that he could not work." As His Honor had heard that plea before, and had done everything possible for him, he did not sympathize with him a cent's worth, and sentenced him to three months at hard labor. James Curtis was charged with supplying an Indian with an intoxicant, but, on his behalf, His Honor remanded the case till to-day. Jim See, the abolitionist, pleaded guilty and said "that he could not work." 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