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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, April 22.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP A BREWERY.

A Dastardly Act.

The Kamloops Sentinel learns from Mr. Pendola the following account of the late attempt to blow up the boiler at his brewery, Savona:

Having procured a brewer from San Francisco—he arrived by Sunday's train, April 4th. When the fire was started under the boiler Mr. Travers went on top of the boiler to put in the water preparatory to brewing; soon two reports, like that of a gun, were heard close to him; thinking that some parties were shooting in the brewery he came down to see; two more reports followed and he found the noise came from under the boiler. The other man—who was pumping at the time—and myself went into the brewery to see what was the matter. Mr. Travers was standing outside, when report after report was heard—I believe about forty reports. At one time we thought the boiler and chimney would be blown into pieces, but happily no damage was done. Had the evil-disposed party been successful in blowing up the boiler the brewer would, doubtless, have been killed or seriously injured. I believe the intention of the perpetrator of this outrage was to burst the boiler and so damage the brewery, as to prevent its working.

Personal.

Hon. Leonard P. Smith, a prominent citizen of Seattle, deceased on Monday.

Denis J. Oliver, a prominent capitalist and pioneer merchant of this city, who was created a knight of St. Gregory with the title of Marquis by Pope Pius the 9th, died suddenly Tuesday night.

Mr. G. A. Keefer, C.E., and Mr. D. A. McFarland arrived down from Vancouver yesterday on the Slope.

Governor Swineford, of Alaska, who arrived on the Amelia Tuesday from Alaska via Nanaimo, left for Portland yesterday.

Mr. J. B. Carscadden, (Carscadden & Peck), Winnipeg, left by the Sound boat yesterday, returning home by the Northern Pacific.

Capt. R. McLeese, M. P. P., left for home at Soda creek yesterday morning.

Capt. John Irving, manager of the C. P. N. Co., arrived from Ottawa yesterday.

Mr. Robt. Grant and Mr. W. E. Graveley, arrived from Vancouver yesterday.

At the Oriental: Mr. and Mrs. Webb, E. Gordon, A. Floyer, J. Dales, England.

At the Occidental: Eben Watson, San Francisco; R. C. Matthews, Brockford, Iowa; Jno Pemberthy, Hammond.

The Reason Why.

We remember hearing once of a man who assured a customer that he was actually losing money on every broom that he sold. "Then," was the query, "how do you make it pay?" "*It is the quantity, madam!*" replied the broom seller sagely And it is the large number of vehicles that the Gananoque Carriage Works manufacture that enables the firm to sell them, not at a loss, but at such a slight increase above actual cost as to place the purchase of a light buggy or phaeton within the reach of nearly all. Mr. A. Cowan, Colonist Building, have just imported twenty of these buggies and phaetons of light and medium calibre, both covered and open, fitted with the latest improvements in the form of Brewster & Timkin springs, open and high side bars, etc. Strength, lightness, handsome finish, and cheapness form a combination in these vehicles that few can resist. Messrs. Cowan invites the public to make a personal inspection of these carriages which took the lead at Centennial exhibition at Toronto. They are on view on their premises.

Fire Drill.—Precisely at 12 m. each day the great gong in the Deluge engine house is sounded. Men and horses are instantly on the alert. The latter run to the engine and take their places on either side of the pole. The firemen fasten the traces to the whiffletrees. The driver springs into his seat and seizing the reins prepares to drive into the street just as he would if the alarm were a real call for duty. Yesterday Chief Phillips timed the drill and in 27 seconds from the first stroke all things were in readiness for action. The horses exhibit much proficiency considering the short time they have been trained.

Hit by a Tree.—While G. Brunette was engaged in felling trees on the Vancouver townsite, the branch of one struck him in its descent knocking him down but not injuring him. The axe he held in his hand struck him on the arm cutting it badly. Dr. Lefevre attended to the sufferer at the time, and he was brought down on the Slope yesterday and taken to St. Joseph's hospital. Being subject to heart disease the shock has seriously affected his health.

The Key.—The following figures placed on walls yesterday puzzled numbers of people as to the meaning:

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The interpretation is "a meeting of lodge 3107, Knights of Labor will be held this evening at 7:30.

A Good Fare.—A hackman yesterday had a passenger in the person of an individual either lulled into slumber by the seductive climate of our city, or from a too generous appreciation of the high qualities of the tanglefoot to be had here. With his unconscious head resting on his breast, nodding this way and that with the motion of the carriage, he was the observed of all on the principal streets.

Prospecting.—Mr. Jules H. Forney passed through this city yesterday on his way to the Colville mining district under engagement for a Montana syndicate to prospect, examine and report about the value, extent and richness of the mines lately discovered there. He will be gone for six months.

Base Ball.—A base ball match is being arranged between a nine from the Albion iron works and a picked nine from the city to be played at Beacon Hill on Play will commence at two o'clock.

The Rising Generation.—Eight infant perambulators were in line within a hundred feet of each other at one time yesterday on Government street. Their occupants were all pretty and smiling in the bright warm sunshine.

Municipal Council.

The usual weekly meeting of the city council was held last night.

Present—His worship the mayor in the chair and a full board.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From A. De Cosmos, calling attention to encroachments on a roadway marked on Hudson Bay Co's map of Spring Ridge and asking that the matter be attended to. Referred to city barrister for notices to be prepared.

From Leahy & Horth, calling attention to a defective drain near their premises. Referred to sanitary committee for report.

From the city barrister, stating that no night watchman has a right to act as a policeman unless under special powers from the council.

Coun Higgins explained the reason why the city barrister had been requested to send in his report. The matter arose because certain night watchmen had refused to come under the police regulations. If men who were acting as policemen were in the habit of receiving money to protect the criminal classes it was high time the matter was looked into.

His worship said that it was to the interests of those who paid the night watchmen to have their names published, and if there was a refusal to do this the matter looked very fishy indeed.

Coun. Robertson—Is there any proof?

Coun. Higgins—Yes, the evidence in a case in the police court, as well as other information. He would move that the mayor and police committee are hereby authorized to revoke the appointment, after the 1st prox., of any constable refusing to comply with the police regulations. The motion was deferred.

From W. H. Mixer, complaining of a sewer near his residence on View street. Referred to the street committee.

From T. Little, asking if a sidewalk of gravel might not be substituted for a plank sidewalk near his residence. Referred to street committee.

From Noel Leclair, stating that the contract price for certain work would not permit of his buying the gravel, and asking that gravel be supplied by the council. Received and filed.

From six property owners on Yates street calling attention to two old shanties near Cook street, and asking that steps be taken to remove the buildings, as they served as a refuge for drunken Indians, etc.

Referred to fire wardens with power to act.

From S. C. Burris, asking for street lines on Cook street. Granted.

The report of the census was hauded back to the committee the to have work completed.

From C. J. Phillips enclosing a letter from Sitka asking if there was a fire engine in Victoria not in use as the Sitka people wished to purchase one. Referred to fire wardens.

From W. Bennett, on behalf of the cricket club, asking for the use of the steam roller to roll some clay on the cricket grounds. Referred to street committee with power to act.

TENDERS.

From Jas. Baker, for grading and blasting Bridge street, $3 for blasting and 40c per yard for earth work. This being the only tender the work was awarded to Mr. Baker.

JOHN STREET.

From Jas. Baker for work on John street, $3 for blasting, $1.25 per yard masadam. Grading and hauling $149. Laid over for one week.

ELECTRIC LIGHT POLES.

Tenders from George Baker:—3 masts, $200; 30 ft. poles, $3.25 each; 40 ft. poles, $5.50 each. From Hugh McDonald as follows:—Masts, $60 each; 40 ft. poles, $6 each; 30 ft. poles, $4. Tenders referred to electric light committee with power to act.

FOUND.

The motion of Coun. Higgins with reference to the expenditure of $800 for a new pound was then taken up and carried.

REPORTS.

From the street committee, recommending the construction of certain drains and sidewalks. Adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Coun. Grant gave notice that at next meeting he would move a bylaw to appoint an auditor.

REGATTA.

Coun. Barnard moved that the mayor call a public meeting for Saturday next in connection with the holding of a regatta on her majesty's birthday. Carried.

WOOLEN MILL.

Coun. Higgins wished to know if any answer was sent to Mr. Newton, of Lindsay, Ont., in connection with the woolen mill.

The clerk said he could not give an answer until he had looked into the matter.

WATER.

Coun. Smith said that with reference to Dr. Tolmie's communication, Dr. Tolmie would have to sign an agreement the same as all others.

VICTORIA HARBOR.

Coun. Grant, in moving for an appropriation by the Dominion government for the improvement of Victoria harbor, said in other provinces large sums were annually appropriated for harbor improvements. Victoria was a very important shipping point. A small sum would greatly improve the present facilities. He would move the following:

Whereas, the port of Victoria is the fourth in importance as a revenue contributor to the Dominion customs; and whereas its harbor requirements are steadily growing; and whereas its capabilities to accommodate shipping could be largely increased by a reasonable expenditure; therefore be it resolved that the representatives from this city be requested to strongly urge upon the Dominion government the pressing necessity of appropriating during the present session a considerable sum of money toward improving this harbor commensurate with the growing requirements of trade.

Seconded by Coun. Robertson.

Coun. Higgins moved to add the following rider:

And that the city members at Ottawa be requested to ask that in any contract which may be made for the trans-Pacific steamboat service, vessels of the line shall be required to touch at Victoria or Esquimalt on the inward and outward voyages.

The resolution and rider were carried. A copy of the forgoing resolution to be forwarded to each representative from this city by the clerk, signed by the mayor.

CONSOLIDATED BY LAWS.

Coun. Higgins said that in reprinting the bylaws a very large sum would be involved, and that tenders should be called for advertising the bylaws in one paper. Notice of motion to that effect was given after considerable discussion.

A motion to adjourn was then put and carried.

Court adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

The Merry Makers.

Mr. Wash. Norton, the chief "Merry Maker" of the company that will appear for the first time at Victoria theatre on Saturday evening, has professionally visited England, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Africa, Samoa, Fiji, and Hawaii. He has performed before the highest dignitaries in those countries and is the bearer of flattering testimonials of his ability. It is now nearly nine years since Mr. Norton was at Victoria last. We remember being greatly entertained by his oddities at the late Victoria theatre. On that occasion *The Colonist* said of him. "One of the most pleasing acts was Mr. Wash. Norton's sensational changes. This gentleman appears in full dress and actually assumes six totally different characters, completely costumed in each and makes all the changes before the audience!"

A Queer Appetite.—A little three-year old child residing with its parents on the Work estate, has developed a strange appetite, having lately swallowed buttons, feathers, bits of nails and a variety of indigestible articles, much to the discomfort of its internal organism and danger to its life. So far it has been relieved of the strage food taken at various times; but an extra dose may cost its life.

What Some People Say.

That Sir John Macdonald is rapidly convalescing and will soon take his seat in the house.

That the miners in the Black Diamond coal mine near Seattle, have not struck.

That the great Northwestern railroads have done a greater business so far this year than they did last year at the same time. The Northern Pacific, during the first three months of 1886, enjoyed a gross revenue of $1,931,532, against $1,815,158 the year before; the Chicago & Northwestern $4,995,097, against $4,979,025 in 1885; and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul $5,043,000, against $4,943,904 in 1885.

That the whole nasty Dilke-Crawford case is to be re opened.

That the "kind friend" who lent Coun. Grant a Chinese carpenter on Monday lent him a lawn-mower yesterday and a big buck Chinaman to work it! As the season of Lent will soon expire it is hoped that the practice of lending Chinamen will go out with it and that white carpenters and mowers will be allowed an opportunity to earn a livelihood.

That there comes a sweetly touching story from the West about Mr. Cleveland and a sweetheart of sixteen who went down to an early grave and took all his love with her. It would be more touching if the same story had not been told about James Buchanan, Samuel J. Tilden and sundry other old bachelors who have figured in politics, and if a similar hint had not already been thrown out about Governor Hill. The truth is that these veteran survivors of the matrimonial campaign did not marry because they did not want to. They preferred their freedom and they have kept it.

That, "Witness," said the prosecuting counsel, "I believe you said you were a saloon keeper!" "Yes, sir." "Do you know the prisoner at the bar!" "Well, that depends. When he has the money about 'im I do, but when he wants to put it on the slate I don't.

That Mr. Labouchere writes in Truth: "I receive a good many anonymous letters, some complimentary, most, however, the reverse. Amongst the latter, the following is amusing and not wanting in cleverness: "You call yourself a radical. Does your definition of the term agree with mine! Radical, take away the letters liar and you are left with cad. A radical, therefore, is composed of a liar and a cad."

That "I have been unfortunate in love matters," said a well-known bass singer at the Paris opera the other day. "My first sweetheart entered a convent; death robbed me of my second, and the third—is my wife."

From the Sealing Grounds.

The schooner Active came in from the west coast sealing grounds last night at 10 o'clock with the catches of the three schooners owned by Gutman & Frank. They consist altogether of about 1,000 skins, 281 for the Active, 401 for the Alfred Adams, and 263 for the Black Diamond.

Mr. Gutman, who arrived on the Active, reports the catch the smallest ever known; there only being four days' sealing out of two months, owing to unfavorable weather. The wind has been strong nearly all the time from the southeast, and it has rained for fifteen days at a time. The Alfred Adams, commanded by Capt. Worth, late of the Umatilla, heads the list with 401.

There was a terrible south-east gale on Friday and Saturday last, and it is reported by Indians that a lumber laden ship had lost her rudder. Complaint is made that Cape Beale light was not lit for four weeks owing to a fractured lamp, but it is now in order.

The following are the actual catches so far this year, though 1000 dry skins secured by the Indians during the winter, have been purchased by several of the schooners. Grace, 250; Alfred Adams, 401; Anna Beck, 290; Thornton, 213; Mary Taylor, 180; Dolphin, 160; Favorite, 280; Mary Ellen, 175; Mountain Chief, 180; Black Diamond, 283; Active, 281; W. P. Sayward, 200.

Marine.

The trial trip of the steamer Pilot after her late overhauling and repairs, took place yesterday. Everything was satisfactory.

Swedish barque Drotling Sofia left the roads this morning in tow of the tug Pilot for Burrard Inlet. She will load lumber for Adelaide, Australia.

Br. bark Arica for Victoria entered out at Liverpool, April 19.

Limerick, April 19.—In port—Br. sh. Florence, from Portland, with loss of bulwarks.

The ship Ivanhoe sailed from Seattle for San Francisco Sunday evening with 2473 tons of Black Diamond coal and 45 cats.

The Fraser Delta is alive with farmers. Weather fine. Crops planted larger than ever before. Yield expected to be enormous. The Delta council are constructing a number of good and serviceable roads. The changes that have taken place in the last twelve months are surprising. All the canneries will soon be in full blast.

New Steamboat.—The Wellington Packing Co. are having constructed at the yard of Turpel & Smith, Victoria harbor, a handsome propeller, which will be launched in about two weeks' time. She will be used at the cannery by the company and will be one of the speediest and most serviceable vessels of her class afloat.

Blackett & Gibson.—This enterprising firm of Langley have dissolved, Mr. R. E. Gibson retiring. Mr. F. G. W. White, who joins Mr. Blackett, is the son of Canon White of the church of England in Canada. He was lately in the employ of Mr. G. B Wright and is well and favorably known throughout the province.

The Opium Seizure.—The sale of opium seized on the Idaho and captured at Kasaan bay took place at Port Townsend on Tuesday. It averaged $12.33 per pound, the highest price obtained being $12.65. Altogether 3,800 pounds were disposed of. The total amount realized was $45,000.

Ferocious Curs.—A number of savage dogs are kept at the cabins near the Indian church, Herald street, which have been in the habit of attacking people passing through that street at night. They have bitten and torn the clothes of passers by and should be given their quietus.

Running-Skating Race.—The race between Westlake and Watson, the former skating and the latter running, at the roller rink last night, was won by Westlake by half a lap. Considerable money changed hands.

Bull-Dog Kelly.—The government yesterday received official notification that Bull Dog Kelly was released, the president not considering the evidence sufficient to hand him over to the British Columbia authorities.

The attention of the trade is called to J. P. Davies & Co.'s first spring sale of liquors, wines, ales, cigars, groceries, blankets, hardware, paper, etc., which will take place at their salesroom at 11 a. m. to-day.

Vagged.—A chronic opium smoker named F. McNulty had two months' imprisonment recorded against him in the police court yesterday, he having failed to answer the charge.

Coal from the Rosenfeld.—The schooner Bonanza arrived down yesterday with another 200 tons from the sunken ship Rosenfeld, making 1400 altogether that has been gotten.

Public Holidays.—To-day being Good Friday the banks and most of the stores will be closed. The supreme court will observe a vacation from to-day until Tuesday next, 27th inst., and during Good Friday and Easter Monday the public offices will also be closed.

(*From the Daily Colonist, April 22.*)

THE BRANCH LINE.

Turning of the First Sod by Mrs. Dickinson.

General Rejoicing in the Royal City.

(Special to the Colonist.)

New Westminster, April 22.—The people of the Royal City have been all excitement to-day over the event of turning the first sod on the Branch railway. The mayor having declared a half holiday, all the principal places of business were closed during the afternoon, and flags were flying throughout the city. A large number of citizens, among whom were many ladies, witnessed the ceremony, which was conducted in a most impesing manner. The first sod was turned about a mile from the city at 3:10 p. m. by Mrs. Dickinson, wife of Mayor Dickinson, of this city; then the New Westminster artillery fired a salute of seven guns, the New Westminster rifles firing a *Feu de Joie*. The band played the national anthem, followed by Irish and Scotch airs. Among the noticeable features was the Caledonian and St. Andrew's society in highland costume led by Chief Benson and headed by the pipes. Stirring speeches were made by prominent citizens.

Lorne College, New Westminster

Report for the term ending April 21st, 1886. The figures after the names denote the number of marks obtained out of 100.

COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT.

Latin—R. Musgrave 79, first class; E. Musgrave 79, and C. Innes 72 in second class.

French—R. Musgrave 77, and E. Musgrave 70 in first class; C. Innes and A. Pendola each 77 in second class.

Arithmetic—R. Musgrave 77, first; A. Pendola 63, second.

Algebra—R. Musgrave 100, first; C. Innes, second.

Geometry—R. Musgrave, first.

Mensuration—R. Musgrave 100, first.

Grammar—C. Innes 57, first; R. and E. Musgrave each 56, second.

Analysis—R. Musgrave 95, first; E. Musgrave 91, second.

Spelling—A. Pendola 74, first; R. Musgrave 66, second.

Dictation—E. Musgrave 92, first; R. Musgrave 90, second.

Composition—E. Musgrave 80, first; R. Musgrave 79, second.

History—C. Innes 54, first; E. Musgrave 50, second.

Geography—E. Musgrave 74, first; C. Innes 71, second.

Book-keeping—R. Musgrave 100, first; C. Innes 86, second.

Music—Pendola, R. and E. Musgrave each 100; C. Innes 80.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Arithmetic—J. Palmer 73, first; W. Palmer 57, second.

Grammar—W. Palmer 86, first; J. Palmer 83, second.

Analysis—L. Springer 65 in first class; J. Palmer 77 in second class.

Spelling—J. Palmer 62, first; L. Springer 44, second.

Dictation—L. Springer 90, first; J. Palmer 77, second.

Composition—J. Palmer 73, first; L. Springer 70, second.

English History—W. Palmer 65, first; L. Springer, second.

Geography—J. Palmer 88, first; W. Palmer 67, second.

Book-keeping—J. Palmer 62, first; L. Springer and W. Palmer each 50, second.

Music—L. Springer 100, first; J. Palmer 90, second.

PREPARATORY CLASS.

The numbers denote the average per cent. obtained on all the subjects studied.

S. W. English, 89; W. Fisher, 82; H. A. Young, 73; C. J. Spratt, 68; J. Denny, 66; W. Spring, 62; P. R. Brenton, 50.

Personal.

Mr. C. Cowan of Cowichan is in town.

Rev. Mr. Malachi has been presented with a living thirty miles from Aberdeen by the Lord Bishop of Aberdeen.

Mr. D. Wilson, M. A., head master of the New Westminster public school, arrived down yesterday to make arrangements for the school institute to be held in this city during midsummer.

Mr. Rutledge, representing A. B. Gray & Co., arrived from the mainland yesterday.

At the Occidental: Mrs. Giles and son, Mrs. Jas. Bagley and son, Des Moines, Ia.; H. Bossiter, St. Catharines; B. Hicks, San Francisco; G. H. Wright, E. B. Wright, Ottawa.

Mr. J. L. Beckwith, late manager of the I. X. L. store, has accepted the B. C. agency of the clothing firm of H. Shorey & Co., Montreal.

Mr. W. P. Jaynes, Quamichan, is at the Occidental.

Mr. B. Springer is at the Oriental.

It is reported that Mr. Macintosh, of the telegraph and signal service in this city, will go east as far as Cow Bay shortly and that he will return with " " No cards.—*Columbian.*

Lieut. Spring arrived from the west coast on the Hope yesterday.

At the Oriental: F. W. Fearman, Hamilton, Ont.; W. B. Gladwin, San Francisco; Thos. Peterson, Mrs. J. Peterson, Brockford, N. Y.

Mr. W. Vermilyes, North Arm, is at the Occidental.

At the Driard: D. Ross, Kamloops; J. E. Sayers, Portland; E. J. Lanning, Oregon; F. G. Evans, St. Paul.

Col. F. P. McMullen arrived from Portland yesterday, and is at the Driard.

Mail and Railway Matters.

Capt. John Irving, manager of the C. P. N. Co., who returned from Ottawa on Wednesday, states that no change will be made in the present mail arrangements for the mainland. The Yosemite, which is now being placed in thorough repair, will not be put in service until the first of June, when, Capt. Irving is informed, the C. P. R. will be ready for through traffic. The captain enjoyed a very pleasant trip, the weather being pleasant all through the east, he not finding it necessary to wear an overcoat at any time during his absence.

Vancouver Townsite.

The Canadian Pacific railway announce by advertisement this morning that they will place 500 selected lots of their Vancouver city property on the market on the 5th of May, in the central portion of the townsite, and in the immediate vicinity of the proposed terminal buildings and wharves. Plans, lists and terms will be procurable at the offices of the company after the 1st of May.

The Early Closing Movement.

At a recent public meeting in the city of London for promotion of this object, to shorten the hours of toil in retail shops, one of the speakers in its support concluded his address by narrating the following epitaph in some country churchyard, expressive of the misery entailed by over work:

"Here lies a poor woman who always was tired,
For she lived in a world where too much work was required:
'Weep not for me, friends,' she said, 'for I am going
Where there will neither be working, nor reading,
nor sewing.
Then weep not for me, friends, though death do us sever,
For I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever.'"

Gordon Head and Cedar Hill Prospective Connecting Road.—A memorial has been signed by owners and residents in the above localities, asking the government to construct a highway over a line established some two years ago, and during which time about twenty settlers have come in there to reside. The urgency for the road will be readily understood when it is known that for half the year residents there can only reach their houses on foot, and that up to this advanced time of the year it is not possible to drive in or out in a locality but five miles from the capital of the province.

The school of gunnery has been closed until Monday at 7:30 a. m.

MINING PROSPECTS IN THE NORTH.

A Juneau Correspondent Dilates on the Opening of the Season.

To the Editor:—The steamer Mexico reached this place in four days from Nanaimo. The trip, with good weather and agreeable companions, was a pleasant one. Many were bound for the Yukon, and from their sturdy looks and determined manner, and individuality sticking out in every lineament of their faces, I would say that if there is any gold on the Yukon a goodly share of it will have to "come out of that," as the Missourian would say.

THE PAST WINTER

has been a pretty rough one, with a great deal of snow, pretty low down on the mountains yet. Up to the present time the Yukon fever has been raging, and three weeks ago some fifty-four miners took their departure to the new gold field on Stewart river, a branch of the Yukon. They go from here to Chilcat, 75 miles above Juneau; from there they pack across the mountains, 35 miles, where they strike a chain of lakes that empty into the Pelly river; whence with boats and rafts they proceed further about 350 miles, when they reach the Yukon. Floating down that river they reach the mouth of the Stewart river, the location of the new gold field. The

CHILCAT TRIBE OF INDIANS,

whose village is near the place where they start across the mountains, are reaping a rich harvest in packing their outfits across at $10 and $15 per 100 pounds. Each miner carries six months rations and tools, gun and ammunition, with him, making over 300 pounds each. About twenty five leave here on Saturday for that destination, and more will follow in May.

JUNEAU

has nearly doubled her improvements in the way of new buildings since October last, and several new business houses have started. Douglas City, on Douglas Island, nearly opposite Juneau and about three-quarters of a mile above the Treadwell mine, is a farm laid out since last September, and has quite a number of houses and some stores in it; and some day will be a successful rival of Juneau. The Treadwell mines are in full blast now, but have had to hang up a great number of stamps at different times on account of the water freezing. They are preparing to put up steam power to meet this difficulty. A great many of the canneries are preparing to put up salmon, and all the fishing interest are preparing to go to work, many of them having lain idle for the last season. P. R. Smith.

New Westminster.

(Guardian.)

Albert Mallot, who was convicted of murder at Fort Yale and sentenced to be hanged, escaped from the rope by a flaw in the indictment, and was brought before the Hon. Mr. Justice Crease on Monday. The crown applied for a change of venue and the prisoner will be tried at Kamloops on the 7th day of June.

The weather is now bright and warm, after a rather lengthy moist spell. The gardens and orchards look beautiful, with flowers and fruit trees in bloom.... The river is rising and fish is plentiful.... The woollen mill building is nearly completed .... Operations have commenced for clearing the site for the gas works.... We are assured, at last, that work has absolutely been commenced on the branch railway. Timbers have been got out while the discussion of the *modus operandi* has been in progress, so that there should be now no stoppage on the work.

(Columbian.)

Municipal elections for the new city of Vancouver will shortly come off. Nominations take place on the 26th inst., and polling on the 3rd prox. Mr. R. H. Alexander, manager of the Hastings mills, and Mr. M. A. McLean have both been requested to stand for mayor, and there are lots of candidates for councillors.

Victoria Cricket Club.

The annual general meeting of this club was held yesterday at 5 o'clock at the office of Eberts & Taylor, Mr. P. Æ. Irving in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and adopted, the treasurer, Mr. W. Bennett, presented his report, which showed a slight excess of expenditure over the receipts of the past year. Attention was drawn to the number of subscriptions yet unpaid, respecting which the secretary expressed confidence in his ability to collect a large proportion of the same.

The following officers were elected: President, Sir M. B. Begbie; vice president, M. W. T. Drake, Esq; honorary treasurer, W. Bennett, Esq, honorary secretary, E. M. Bovill, Esq; committee, Messrs. C. E. Pooley, D. M. Eberts, P. Æ. Irving, B. A Wylde and H. J. Campbell.

A motion having been made that, in view of the greater number of matches now played and the consequent increase in the club's expenses, the annual subscription be restored to the original figure of $5. Carried.

The meeting adjourned to Thursday next at the same hour and place, for further consideration of this question, as well as of the possibility of inducing the Australian cricketers to return from England via the C. P. R. and play a game against eighteen of Victoria. This latter proposition, if carried out, would involve the necessity of securing an enclosed ground, and would unquestionably give a great impetus to the game in Victoria.

Marine.

Capt. Carroll will take charge of the steamship Ancon, which will be placed on the Alaska route.

Steamship Empire from San Francisco for Departure Bay passed up yesterday afternoon.

Steamship Wellington with coal from Departure Bay for Frisco passed down late on Wednesday night.

Steamer Hope will sail to-morrow morning at 5:30 o'clock for the west coast.

Bark Harvest Home, which has been moored off Sayward's mill, was towed down to Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf yesterday, where she will be lightened of her spars, chains and anchors preparatory to being hauled on the ways for general repairs.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

San Francisco, April 23.—Arrived—Steamer George W. Elder, Victoria.

Sailed—Schooner Alice, Port Townsend.

County Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem).

Sidney Pitts, vs. Bow Gee Tong—The sheriff having seized the defendant's goods under a warrant of execution, Mr. Thornton Fell, for the defendant, applied for an exemption order under the homestead act. Mr. Mills, for the plaintiff and the sheriff, opposed the application, on the ground that the defendant was a Chinaman, and being an alien, was not entitled to the privileges of the homestead act.

His lordship overruled the objection and granted the order asked for. Mr. Mills then asked for the sheriff's costs to be allowed, which were refused.

The statement of Sir Alexander Campbell with reference to the trade between Vancouver and Hong Kong is not at all encouraging to those who talk of a line of steamers upon the Pacific ocean, to be run in connection with the C. P. R. All the nonsense that has been talked about this enterprise is at an end. People will begin soon to appreciate how much they have been misled by those who made pretensions to superior knowledge upon the subject.—*London Advertiser.*

Suspected Murder.—An Indian, known as Boston Charley, belonging to Keper Island, and now in Nanaimo gaol, charged with complicity in the Maple Bay tragedy, will have a hearing on Saturday at Nanaimo.

Port Hammond.

(Correspondence of The Colonist).

A prominent Oregon miller was here Monday night to interview the projectors of the grist mill proposed to be located here. He seemed quite pleased with the lay of the land and the facilities that this place offered. On leaving he made the remark: "If you can get good wheat you will have, very soon, a mill to grind it."

Prospectors have returned from the Golden Era, about twenty miles from here, and show some very pretty specimens. One party says he was offered $20,000 for a half interest in his find. He is reluctant about accepting it until he can get his claim recorded.

Nothing new has transpired in regard to the boundary line railroad. Seattle wants a connection with our great overland route and here is the place that the connection will likely be made. The people of New Westminster have always put a cold shoulder on us and we will not stand it any longer. Victoria is the Island, but New Westminster is not the mainland.

Considerable indignation has been manifested here on account of the action of the people of New Westminster towards the Hon. John Robson and Mr. James Orr, M. P. P., in burning their effigies because of the celebrated Chinese clause in the branch line resolution. The honorable gentlemen above mentioned *are not* members for the *town* of New Westminster, but are for the district. Why pick out our members and insult them when they had done just what their constituents desired? Why did she not burn the effigies of some of the other members who voted against her pet scheme?

A Close Call.

Mrs. Vanderhoef, wife of the master of the steamer Iola, which runs between Seattle and Oakland, in Mason county, W. T., had a very close call on Wednesday last. The steamer was wooding up at a point some fourteen miles from Seattle, and just after the steamer had left the landing Mrs. Vanderhoef, in passing from the cabin to the pilot house, missed her footing and fell overboard. The accident was not noticed on deck, but a young man named Redding, seeing something in the water, put off in a boat and managed to reach the drowning woman before she sank for the last time. She was completely exhausted and had swallowed considerable salt water, but revived under the care of the kind family to whose house she was removed, while Redding and a companion named Kenny rowed to Seattle to acquaint Vanderhoef that his wife was saved.

Divisional Court.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., and Crease, J.)

Fan vs. Fan—This was an appeal from an order made by Justice Walkem on the 20th inst., staying proceedings until the plaintiff shall pay the costs of defendant's appeal, amounting to $448.15. Judgment reserved.

The Dredger Rock.—At about ten minutes to eight last night the first heavy shot was exploded in the dredger rock, now under process of removal by the contractor, Mr. Chas. Hayward. The borings which were seven feet in depth (three feet below the required grade) were filled with 200 pounds of pure nitro-glycerine. The blast was thoroughly successful—the force of the explosion at a depth of twenty feet below the surface overcoming the pressure of that volume of water and yet leaving sufficient momentum to hurl some of the displaced fragments a distance of fifty feet in the air in company with a momentary geyser that reared to a still greater height. The explosive was inserted in the holes through a tube and fired by electricity. After the discharge it was noticed that, in addition to dead specimens of the smaller fish, there were floating on the water the demoralized fragments of No. 3 Canadian buoy.

Magnificent Collection.—Mrs. Norton, wife of Mr. Wash. Norton, the famous comedian, has one of the most beautiful and costly collections of East Indian jewelry and curios in America. Diamond necklace and bracelets, precious stones, rings, sets, tiaras, etc., form a part of the articles, which will be placed in Lange & Son's window to-day. The lady has also a cashmere shawl, worth a king's ransom, which was presented her by the Maharajah of Cashmere, before whom the "Merry Makers" performed.

The remarkable cures of various kinds made last season by Prof. Menzies are again being fully discussed, he having returned to the practice of his profession of magnetic healing in our midst. His rapid means of overcoming pain and rheumatic affections has made him notorious everywhere, and his terms of treatment suit the average purse. He cured the poor, free, at Harmony Hall, last season for seventy one days, and all who went there had reason to be grateful.

Rough on Schwartz.—Jacob Schwartz, recently of the tailoring firm of Schwartz & Ripinsky, of this city, was charged at Nanaimo on Monday last with obtaining various sums from certain persons on false pretences. Schwartz, who admitted the facts, urged that it had been done in a legitimate way. In an equally business way he was ordered to refund, and having done so was remanded to Chemainus, where he underwent a similar course of treatment.

Mr. Charles Crocker—This great railway magnate was thrown violently to the ground by the upsetting of his wagon in New York city on Tuesday, and seriously hurt. At latest accounts he was slightly better.

The New York legislature, by a vote of 100 to 16, has repealed the Broadway Surface railway charter, the granting of which by the board of aldermen was brought about by corruption.

The Odd Fellows' anniversary ball will be held at their hall on Douglas street next Monday night.

One thousand sealskins were brought on the steamer Hope, which arrived from the west coast yesterday.

Smelting Works.—The town of Fargo, Dakota, is about to subsidize smelting works with a cash bonus of $40,000.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Ottawa, April 21.—A lively debate took place in the house this week in regard to the governor-general. For some time past the Canadian people have been grumbling at the great extravagance and heavy expenditures of keeping up government house. The governor-general receives $50,000 per year, but this sum in the way of extras has swelled until it is now about $150,000 and annually it is increasing. Mr. McCraney, liberal, moved for particulars as to how this extra sum was being squandered and called for detail. Sir Hector Langevin got indignant and refused. The debate lasted the greater part of the afternoon and evening. All the liberals, joined by a few conservatives, opposed the extra allowance. The result was that the government promised to bring down all papers they could possibly do. The opposition promises to make government extravagance one of the burning questions in the general elections which are expected next autumn.

Ottawa, April 21.—To-day at a meeting of the railroad committee who are investigating the North West Central scandal, which involves charges made against Mr. Beaty, M. P., for Toronto, and others to the effect that they had accepted stock in the North West Central railway for using their influence to obtain a land grant for the road. Mr. Woodworth, M. P., read a letter he had received from E. A. Pew, of New York, which contained a statement that a certain person in New York had made Beaty an offer to build the road and in considering the offer Mr. Beaty had remarked in Pew's presence that there was nothing in the offer for himself and his associates, and that if the contractor in question would agree to pay a cash bonus of $1500 per mile to him, making an aggregate of $675,000 that he would accept the offer.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

AMERICAN NEWS.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, April 21.—The safe in the office of the Puget Sound Lumber company in Alameda was broken open last night by burglars and $100 stolen.

Judge Nathaniel Bennett, a well known jurist, died in this city last night of dropsy. His wife died a few months ago. He leaves no children.

The Union Iron Works has prepared and forwarded to Washington plans and proposals for the construction of five naval cruisers. The proposals forwarded provide for two cruisers of 5000 displacement, one of 3000, one of 1200, and one of 7800 tons.

Stockton, April 41.—A complaint was made to-day charging Chief of Police Rogers and Policeman Sherry with inhumanity. The prisoner is a young man who was sentenced to the chain gang for battery and refused to work. He was tied in his cell five hours yesterday and two hours today with his head below the level of his heart. The gaoler telephoned for medical aid, and the prisoner was found to be helpless and his whole frame in a spasmodic condition.

San Francisco, April 21.—Commencing May 1st schedules of Pacific Coast Steamship company on the northern route will be changed as follows: On the