Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Capsized in the Straits.

It was reported at Port Townsend yesterday that a sloop containing Chinese from Victoria had capsized in the Straits. The rumor has not been confirmed, and no further particulars have been received.

Incoming Passengers.

The following passengers are on board the Walla Walla bound for Victoria: J. Heath and wife, E. H. Rhodes, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. R. G. Wellwood, D. Spencer, C. J. Quick and wife, Mrs. Webster, C. W. Jacobson.

Victoria Building Society.

The fourth drawing for an appropriation in the above society took place last evening, at Harmony hall, View street, at 8 o'clock, and resulted in 221 A. & B., being successful—shares held by Miss Rose Stuart. Messrs. Wm. Templeton, E. C. Johnson and Hugh Caldwell, formed the drawing committee.

Below Zero.

Telegrams received last night from Chicago state that yesterday was the coldest day of the winter there, the thermometer ranging from zero to five below. At Minneapolis it was 20 below, with a high wind. The operator at Winnipeg, referring to the despatch, says: "That's nothing! It is 46 below zero here tonight and growing colder!"

Race on the Sound.

On Thursday quite an exciting race took place on Puget Sound between the steamer North Pacific and the tug Sea Lion. Both vessels left Port Townsend about the same time for Seattle, the North Pacific having a start of three minutes. They both entered the harbor of Seattle travelling like "through freights," with the Sea Lion ten minutes ahead of her larger opponent.

Information Wanted.

Jasper B. Helliwell, of Portland, Oregon, has written to Supt. Sheppard asking for information of a woman named Poindexter, who is described as being rather prepossessing in appearance, about 24 years of age, height about 5 feet, and a brunette. She has a boy of four or five years of age. She is wanted to settle an estate in Kentucky, of which she knows nothing. She must go to Portland to establish her identity and obtain the documents necessary to establish her claim to the property in question.

The Raft Voyageurs.

Friends of Capt. Robertson state their belief that the story told by the Chinese of ill-treatment and non-payment of wages is untrue, and that it will be found that they made their escape from Moresby Island because they learned that they could make better wages elsewhere. The ways of the Chinese are past finding out, but if the two were under agreement with Capt. Robertson, and escaped on the raft, they have been richly punished for their dishonesty. The Captain is well-known in Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster, and no doubt he will be heard from in the matter.

Temperance Hall, Victoria.

The report of the financial standing of Temperance Hall, Pandora street, has been published by the secretary-treasurer, Mr. Geo. A. Sargison. An effort is being made to wipe out the debt of $1250 still encumbering the property, and it is hoped all who may engage in raising funds will meet with a generous response. The property originally cost $4000, and it is the intention at an early day to have the building enlarged and made better adapted for the uses to which it is consecrated. Up to the 18th Feb., 1889, no less a sum than $2782 has been paid into the treasury by way of donations. From 30th Aug., 1883, to 31st Dec., 1888, the total receipts from all sources were $5971.79; and the total disbursements $5963.64, leaving a cash balance of $8.15.

Flora of British Columbia.

THE COLONIST announced a few weeks ago about the work on British Columbia plants being prepared by Mr. M. Lopatecki, Ph. D., of this city. The synopsis of the book was concluded last Monday, and contains eighty-eight different orders or families, and one thousand six hundred and twenty-seven species. The catalogue, which is now ready for print, is divided and arranged according to the natural system of Linæus. It is divided into the Polypetalous, Monopetalous and Apetalous divisions, and besides contains Monocotyledonous or Endogenous plants, and Cryptogamous or flowerless plants.

Mr. Lopatecki, the author, has studied the mysteries of the vegetable kingdom for many years. *The Popular Science Monthly, The West American Scientist, The Naturalist* and other scientific magazines speak in the highest terms of his work.

From Soda Creek.

Soda Creek, says Mr. Robert McLeese, who arrived in the city last evening, has had a very mild winter. So much so that farmers were beginning to anticipate a water famine in consequence of the very light snowfalls. Up to Sunday last, although the ground was whitened and the sleighing was good, the camp had not seen a really heavy snowstorm. Then the shower of white flakes commenced, and on Wednesday the snow lay fourteen inches in depth, and the telegraph lines were prostrate, the work of the high winds. The snow still continues to fall and all fears of a short supply of water for next summer have been removed. There has been very little sickness at Soda Creek this winter, and a death at Clinton, a child, has been the only one. Mining operations, which are carried on only by Chinamen, are of course suspended at present, and owing to the secretive nature of the miners, no estimate can be formed of the value of the output for the past year. Wheat is coming in to the mill in large quantities, and the agricultural prospects for this year are very good.

POULTRY, DOG AND PET ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held last evening in the City Hall, where over fifty gentlemen reported themselves as willing to form an association for the purpose of organization of a Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association.

Mr. Braden occupied the chair and Mr. J. B. Carmichael acted as secretary.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted of the association called the British Columbia Poultry, Dog, and Pet Stock Association.

The following officers were duly elected for the year: Dr. Milne, president; Ex-Alderman Braden, vice-president; W. S. Chambers, secretary; James Stewart, treasurer. The following are the Executive committee: Mayor Grant, E. G. Prior, M. P., R. Merrit, H. Creech, Jos. Merrill, W. Simpkins, H. G. Walker, T. G. Partridge, C. E. Renouf, J. B. Carmichael and J. Flett, Somenos.

An Apt Quotation

From a letter by Mrs. Sullivan, 124 West Ave., Hamilton, Ont.: "After trying a number of medicines for liver complaint, from which I suffered for years, I bought two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and found it a complete cure. My house is never without it." tts

PROVINCIAL POLICE COURT.

(Before Edwin Johnson, Esq., S.M.)

John Henderson, of Saanich, was charged in this court yesterday with supplying liquor to an Indian named George. The Indian testified directly against the accused, saying that he purchased a bottle of whiskey from him, for which he paid the sum of one dollar. Mr. Macnab Stewart, who appeared for the defence, claimed that the Indian, who had been arrested on a charge of drunkenness, testified to save himself from imprisonment. A fine of $200 was imposed. Mr. Henderson has been a resident of this province for thirty years, and this is the first offence of any kind that has ever been charged against him. His council yesterday stated that when the Indian visited his hotel and asked for whiskey, he not only was refused the liquor, but was kicked out of doors.

An Indian named Andrew, charged with being drunk, was convicted and fined five dollars.

PERSONAL.

W. H. Cuthbertson, of Tacoma, is at the Clarence.

Miss L. Parr, of Ladner's Landing, is at the Driard.

Geo. Byrnes returned by the Islander last evening.

Johann Wulffsohn, banker, Vancouver, is at the Driard.

John Partridge returned from a trip to Europe last evening.

E. Crow Baker, M. P., returned from Ottawa last evening.

Miss Brealey, of Calgary, arrived by Islander last night.

Capt. Harper, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in the city.

Thomas Ladner, of Ladner's Landing, came over last evening.

R. McLeese, ex-M.P.P. for Cariboo, is in the city, having arrived last night.

D. F. Fleming, E. E. Evans, G. Coleman and N. Thompson, of Vancouver, are at the Clarence.

L. Dumbleton, C. D. Dumbleton, Mrs. and Miss Dumbleton returned by the Islander last evening.

J. Holland, J. M. Spinks, J. Fullerton and W. L. Cusack were among the arrivals by the Islander last evening.

T. J. Jones and family leave to-day for Southern California, where they intend spending a few weeks visiting friends.

D. W. Corbin returned yesterday from a visit to all the Sound ports. He reports business booming all along the line.

J. A. Strong, editor of the Nanaimo *Courier*, came down yesterday and will remain over until this afternoon with his many old friends.

Harry Abbott, superintendent of the western division of the C.P.R., and Mrs. Abbott returned from California yesterday and are at the Driard.

J. C. Holden, of Ames, Holden & Co., left for home on Wednesday morning *via* California. If there had been any more shoe factories in the market he would likely have remained until he had purchased them all. Mr. Holden is delighted with Victoria and pleased with the business outlook.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The "Midnight Adieu" club held a very pleasant social dance in Stelly's hall on Thursday evening.

"Ye olde folkes" who took part in the recent concert were photographed in costume on Thursday by Jones Bros.

A couple of drunks occupied the attention of the police court yesterday morning. They each contributed $5 to the city revenue.

The marriage is announced at The Dalles, Oregon, of Miss Isabella Anderson, of Victoria, B. C., to Mr. George A. Patton, of Monterey, Cal.

The regular weekly meeting of the Blue Ribbon club will be held in Temperance Hall, Pandora street, this evening. A first-class programme has been prepared.

While the corporation employes are repairing the sidewalk on Courtenay street they should at least leave a lantern to mark the bad places. An elderly lady met with a bad fall near Government on Courtenay street last night, receiving painful, although not serious, injuries.

One of the Bell Telephone Co.'s latest improved switchboards for 50 lines, was placed in position in the Central Telephone office in this city yesterday. The new instrument is one of the finest pieces of mechanism for electrical use ever seen in the province.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

BASEBALL.

The Key City Baseball Club has been organized at Port Townsend, with the following officers:—President, John McCabe; captain, S. Rothchild; manager, J. A. Van Bokkelen; treasurer, Frank Plummer; secretary, Jas. Wayson; mascot, Del Cary Smith. Irving park will be used temporarily as grounds. A challenge will be issued to the Victoria club to play at Victoria May 24th, the Queen's birthday. This will probably open the season.

JUSTICE TO THE INDIANS.

TO THE EDITOR: There is a law of British Columbia preventing Indians preempting land. There is no good reason nowadays why this should be so. Removing the obstruction, considerable discontent will be removed also, for immigrants and the aborigines would then be upon the same footing as regards a land title. More they can scarcely ask. The sooner the aborigines are put under the same laws as ourselves, and for the most part they are so, the better it will be for all concerned. Of course their reserves must be preserved to them, but whilst they are not allowed to pre-empt land they are obliged to congregate together, without any means of segregation. Means ought to be given to the more active among them to commence on their own account, for by so doing they would advance and be advanced, their tribal relations at the same time falling into disuetude. I know the objection urged by many that the land pre-empted or purchased by Indians, would soon become the property of religious denominations, enriching and making them powerful, an evil politically very undesirable, but this objection has probably been made too much of, for Indians, like other people are not as a rule willing to give away property which they possess, for nothing. Human nature is the same whether in the aborigine or the emigrant. The truth seems to be that the sooner all inhabitants of British Columbia, whether aborigines or immigrants, are put upon the same footing the better. Of course for the reserves and reserved there must necessarily be special regulations, for a time at all events, but outside these, the fewer the better.

J. S. HELMCKEN.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers; there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and take no other kind. my31-eod-dw

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

For San Francisco.

The steamship Umatilla sailed for San Francisco yesterday with the following passengers from this city: R. Erwin, N. Thompson, Mrs. C. Striker, Miss M. Higgins, Miss Webster, Dr. T. J. Jones, J. W. Shaw, A. H. Pilkington, Miss L. M. Parr, T. Bell, A. W. Mann, E. Evans and G. Coleman.

Funerals.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Emma Temple will take place at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon, from the late residence of the deceased lady, Blanchard street, and at 3:30 from Christ Church Cathedral.

The funeral of the late Frank Van Horst will take place to-day at 1:30 p.m., sharp, from the family residence, corner of Elizabeth and Rebecca streets.

Puget Sound Sawmills Closed.

The lumber trust operating in the Puget Sound country has ordered the Port Gamble, Port Ludlow, Port Blakely, Port Discovery, Utsalady and Port Madison mills down for a period of eight days. The cause assigned is over-production and dullness of the market in Southern California. This throws 1,500 men out of employment and curtails the production of Puget Sound mills over 800,000 feet per day.

The State of Washington.

On Friday, the President signed the bill for the admission of Washington, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota as states of the Union. The news was hailed with joy by the people of Washington Territory—or rather the State of Washington as it will in future be styled. Mass meetings were held in Seattle, Tacoma, Ellensburg and other cities in the new state, the greatest enthuiasm prevailing and speeches being delivered by the principal citizens.

A Ghastly Find.

While the steamer Islander was coming over from the mainland last evening, she passed the corpse of a white man, floating about a mile and a halffrom where the old Beaver lies, at the point of the Narrows. The body was dressed in a blue jersey, faded by the sun and water. The face could not be seen. Not being anxious to bring disease—as he very possibly might—on board his ship, the captain passed on, and on arriving in Victoria, telegraphed to the authorities in Vancouver the particulars of the ghastly find.

Cedar Hill Entertainment.

The Cedar Hill Lodge, I. O. G. T., will celebrate their anniversary next Tuesday evening, Feb. 26th, by giving a grand musical and literary entertainment. A very laughable shadow pantomime and an excellent farce are being prepared. Mr. J. G. Brown, Mr. Kinnaird, Mr. Grant and Prof. Herbert, of Victoria, have kindly consented to assist on the musical part of the programme. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The proceeds of the entertainment go towards the organ fund. Busses will run from Victoria, making the round trip for 25 cents.

The Comox Strike.

The situation at Comox is briefly described by a special correspondent of the Nanaimo *Courier* as follows: "Half a dozen Chinese were sent down the shafts to run the boxes on the roads. The white miners objected to Chinamen being employed in the mines, and came out of the pits refusing to go down again until the Chinese were withdrawn from the underground works. The manager refused to withdraw the Chinamen, and so the matter stands at present a dead lock. The men are very quiet. There is no snow in Comox, but wet weather prevails."

Roving Around the World.

The British yacht Nyanza, with Capt. J. C. D. Dewar of the British army, and party, on board, which is making a circuit of the navigable globe, arrived at San Francisco on Friday from Honolulu. The yacht left Plymouth, England, in July, 1887, and after crossing the Atlantic, stopped at all the principal South American ports, touched at the various islands in the Pacific, going as far as the Samoan and Fiji islands in the South seas, thence to Honolulu. From San Francisco the yacht will come to Victoria. From this port she will visit Alaska, and then will skirt along the western coast of Asia, returning to England *via* the Cape of Good Hope.

Texada Island.

The *Courier* says: The excitement at Texada is still unabated and miners flock into the El Dorado in the hope of striking it rich. About 130 men are on the island, and are highly pleased with their prospects. Various tests have been made of rock taken from different claims, and fully testify to the richness of the quartz. It is confidently looked forward to by numerous experts that a very rich camp will soon be established. Numerous offers are reported to have been made by capitalists for the purchase of different properties on the island, the prices being very high for several locations. Quartz taken out from different ledges have been pounded with hammers, and small pieces of gold picked out. We understand that one of the companies have been offered $25,000 for their claims.

Death of Mrs. Henry Rudge.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. Jane Rudge, the beloved wife of Mr. Henry Rudge, died at the family residence, No. 24, King's Road. The deceased lady was aged 53 years, and was a native of Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. She came to New Brunswick in her childhood, and resided at St. Stephens, in that province until about seven years ago, when, with her husband and family, she came to this city, and has since lived here. She was for some time a sufferer from spinal complaint, but she endured the affliction with Christian fortitude, winning the esteem of all by her gentle piety and many good qualities. A bereaved husband and six children—four sons and two daughters—are left to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. They have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in the hour of their great sorrow. The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence, King's Road.

Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine for March.

Just now Africa is a prime subject of interest, and Emma Raymond Pitman's article on "Slavery and Missions on the East Coast of Africa" will tell the reader much about that part of the Dark Continent which is formost in the mind. The Mohammedan women of India are described by S. F. Noris, and P. J. Popoff contributes a valuable article on "Prjevalski's Adventures in Central Asia." Mary Titcomb's article on "Ways and Words of American Lawyers" is both amusing and instructive, and the article on "Lady Brassey," with its numerous illustrations will be read with much interest by those who remember and admire that brilliant woman. Ossanyan, our former minister to Turkey, tells about "Anarchy in Turkey," and Dr. Talmage preaches a brilliant sermon on "Sin as a Taskmaster." The serial story "Genevieve" is continued, and Fanny Aymar Mathews contributes a tender short story, "Dorothy's Wooing." The usual departments are full of interest, and Mr. Messiter, organist of Trinity Church, New York, has a vigorous hymn-tune to Dean Plumptre's "Rejoice, ye Pure in Heart." There are many short articles and poems, and some beautiful full-page illustrations.

Perry Creek Gold Mines.

At a regular meeting of the Perry Creek Gold Mining Company, held yesterday afternoon, it was unanimously decided to vigorously prosecute the work in the shaft as well as in the tunnel. Funds for this purpose have been secured in order to prosecute the work on the shaft. In order to hasten development a couple of shifts will be put in the shafts.

Runaway.

Yesterday afternoon a horse owned by Mr. Portman, the Douglas street grocer, and attached to his delivery wagon, took fright at a passing train near Russell station and soon became unmanageable. The driver was thrown out and received a bad shaking, although no bones were broken. Falling under the wagon, one of the wheels passed over the unfortunate man, bruising his leg and side. The horse dashed on, and over a small embankment, breaking the wagon but not receiving any injury. The hapless driver was brought home by one of Mr. Henry Saunder's drivers, and it will be some time before he will cease to feel the results of his fall.

MARINE.

Steamship Umatilla sailed for San Francisco yesterday morning.

Steamer Cariboo Fly is tied up at Spratt's wharf, and will not go out again until the salmon season opens.

Ship South America, with a cargo of Vancouver coal, was towed to sea yesterday by the American tug Holyoke.

Ship J. B. Brown, completed her cargo of East Wellington coal yesterday, and will be towed to sea by the tug Mastick.

The repairs to the machinery of the steamer Etta White have been about completed, and she is now being repainted at Spratt's wharf, prepatory to leaving on Thursday.

Steamship Southern California arrived at Nanaimo on Friday for a cargo of Vancouver coal. She towed the schooner Ocean Bird, *en route* to Alaska from San Francisco, to Cape Flattery.

The steamer Fanny Lake, while loading oats on the Skagit river a few days ago, suddenly went to the bottom. She was anchored directly over a stump, and when 700 sacks of oats had been placed on board, the weight sank the hull, forcing the stump through the bottom. The boat filled with water and went down.

THE NEW TUG.

Progress of the Work—The Finest and Strongest Tug on the Coast.

A visit to Laing's ways yesterday afternoon shows that Mr. E. C. Havener and his men have not been idle during the past few weeks, and the new tug which is there being built for Hon. Robt. Dunsmuir is in consequence fast assuming form and beauty. The particulars of the new boat have already been given, and comment upon the strength and grace of her lines would be useless. She must be visited to be appreciated.

The ceiling is now complete. The hanging knees and lodging knees are all in, as well as the deck frames, and the ship carpenters' work will be complete when the planking, about half of which is to do, is finished. The hull will then be caulked, copper fastened and sheathed, and it is expected the boat will be ready to launch some time in April. Native fir has been used throughout, except for the bits, and not a craft afloat will have better timber, better put together. The triple expansion engines, which will be used to work the 12-foot screw, are being constructed at the Albion Works, and will be built long before the new tug is ready for launching.

The new tug will draw 15 feet of water. Below decks, she will contain one cabin in the stern, and the forecastle and sleeping quarters for the men, forward. On the main deck will be placed the "house," sixty feet in length, containing the engine rooms, offices, dining rooms, pump room, etc. On the upper deck, the pilot house, captain's room and a private apartment to be devoted to the owners' use, will be found. No provision has been made for carrying any other cargo than the necessary amount of fuel, as the new tug is to be used solely in the towing trade. Twelve men are at work constantly and the tug will be floated with as little delay as possible.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE SIX-DAY WALKING MATCH.

At one o'clock on Saturday morning the score of the ten leaders in the great six-day go-as-you-please match at San Francisco, was as follows: Harlan, 135; Moore, 129; Cartwright, 127; Howarth, 126; Pat Guerrero, 111; Campana, 114; Vint, 115; Davis, 110; Watson, 112; Taylor, 85. It will thus be seen that Watson, the Victoria boy, is seventh in the race, and is giving a fairly good account of himself.

HERE AND THERE.

On Tuesday evening the gymnasium members of the Y. M. C. A. will meet to consider the advisability of forming an "Outing Club" for the coming summer.

The turnout at football practice yesterday afternoon was all that could be desired.

Cameron, the wrestler, states that he is still willing to meet Michaud for almost any amount, at any style of wrestling he may prefer.

PERSONAL.

Roderick Ross, of Vancouver, came over last evening.

B. Springer, wife and son, of Moodyville, are at the Driard.

Miss Dunsmuir returned from a visit to the mainland last evening.

A. O. Leask, the well-known real estate man of Vancouver, is at the Driard.

Charles B. Lowe, of Tacoma, is visiting friends in this city, where he resided for several years.

Rev. P. McF. Macleod will preach in the Presbyterian church at Kamloops today.

Thos. A. Kelly and family, of Boston, who are at present on a transcontinental tour, are in the city.

Capt. Rudlin, who has been enjoying a week's well-earned holidays, resumed command of the Islander this morning.

John McDougall, who has a large street contract in Port Townsend, and also contracts in Vancouver, arrived from Port Townsend on Friday evening, and went up to Vancouver this morning.

SPEEDY TRIALS' COURT.

[Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C.J.]

Ah Yip, the Chinese jewelry thief, who possessed himself of several rings belonging to Miss Campbell, by whom he was employed as cook, pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Mrs. Caroline Hunt, charged with inveigling a young Norwegian girl into a house of ill-fame, was dismissed. The learned Chief Justice, after hearing the evidence, decided that the girl had gone willingly into the house, knowing its true character.

The man Buhlert, charged with larceny, was remanded, owing to the absence of necessary witnesses who are expected to come down from the north by the Sardonyx on Tuesday.

Capt. Libby, of the tug Tacoma, is lying dangerously ill at his residence in Seattle, and is not expected to recover.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Rapid Advancement of the Sound Cities—The Tacoma Smelter—The Great Future of the Pacific Northwest.

A gentleman of this city, who has been paying a visit to all the Sound cities, reports building operations everywhere on the line to be booming as they never have before. At Seattle excavations for new brick blocks are to be seen on every hand. The grading of the new railway from Seattle to Whatcom has already been commenced by the contractor, Mr. Bennett, and work will be pushed with despatch. The new road proper will be from Fairhaven to Whatcom, a branch running into Seattle, with Bellingham Bay and Sehome on the main line.

At Tacoma building materials cannot be obtained fast enough to supply the demand. The work of erecting many new business blocks and handsome residences is, in consequence, at a standstill.

About four miles from Tacoma rapid progress is being made in the erection of the smelter and reduction works, which, when completed, will have cost in the neighborhood of $2,225,000. They will be under the management of Mr. Perkins, a gentleman well acquainted with mining and minerals in every form. Fine wharves are being built near the smelter, and by the latter part of March, Mr. Perkins will be in a position to buy ores all over the country. An abundance of what may be termed "wet ores," such as the majority of the ores that have as yet been discovered in British Columbia and which appear to be concentrating, is very desirable, and the ores of this province will find a ready market in Tacoma as soon as the new smelter is in working order.

At Port Townsend, Bellingham Bay, Whatcom and Port Angeles, building operations are to be met with at every turn. Each of these coming cities appear prosperous, and give evidence of a great future. One indication of the stability of the growth and progress of the Sound cities is to be noted in the fact that the town of Fairhaven has not, and will not for some time, put a single lot on the market. When they do so, they will have a special building clause, and not one lot will be disposed of for speculative purposes. The indications all the way from Victoria to Tacoma, point to the fact that British Columbia and the Sound is on the eve of the greatest boom, or rather the most rapid legitimate development, that the west has ever seen.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Steamer Saturna leaves with two scows for Departure Bay to-day to load coal.

Careless sportsmen on the harbor are again becoming a nuisance to the public.

Rev. M. L. Rugg will conduct the services for young men in Association Hall this afternoon.

A large frame addition to the casting room of the Albion Iron Works is in course of erection.

Mrs Dickenson's dancing class gave their usual "At Home" last evening in Harmony Hall.

Steamer Maude brought down 82½ tons of coal for the Victoria Electric Light Co., from Departure Bay, on Friday.

Thirty-five Chinese and about forty tons of general merchandise composed the Boscowitz's cargo for the north on Thursday.

In the police court yesterday morning John P. Burgess was fined $50 for an infraction of the building by-law.

Ames, Holden & Co., have introduced the half-holiday principle into their manufactory, all hands quitting work at noon on Saturday.

Mr. Willis Bond will descant upon the Grit plank of commercial union with the Americans, in Philharmonic Hall on Thursday evening next.

Residents of Esquimalt were thankful for a lively runaway which occurred on Friday night. It was the only incident to vary the monotony for over a week.

Messrs. Pennock & Clayton, jewelry manufacturers, owing to their rapidly increasing trade, have been compelled to greatly enlarge their workrooms, double their staff of employes, and convert the old workrooms in the front portion of the store into show-rooms.

Thomas J. Judd, while indulging in a little spree last night, had his hand badly cut in some unknown way; so badly, in fact, that after he was taken in charge by the police, a surgeon had to be called in to dress the wound.

The Temperance Hall, Pandora street, was well filled last evening on the occasion of the regular meeting of the Blue Ribbon Club. The programme consisted of good music and enjoyable speechifying, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Richards & Pringles' famous minstrels, who will hold the boards at The Victoria to-morrow evening, do not come unheralded. The press of all the cities through which they have passed, pronounce their exhibitions the acme of minstrel performances.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

REGATTAS BY THE WHOLESALE.

TO THE EDITOR,—A recent issue of a Tacoma paper contains the information that a regatta just such as the good people of Victoria have been looking forward to on the 24th of May, is to be held in Tacoma: Hamm, O'Connor, Peterson, Lee and Hanlan to compete. It is also stated that these same professional oarsmen are talking of still another regatta at Seattle. If their programme is to visit each city desiring them "scoop in" $1,000 in cash, and go on to the next place; surely no real advantage is to be gained by any one place honored by their presence. I should like to know if Victoria intends to contribute her $1000 towards a regatta if the oarsmen merely wish to make the Queen City one of the many places which it appears they intend to visit and hold regattas, at $1000 a piece? I am heartily in favor of paying liberally to have a first-class regatta here that will bring the strangers to our city, but if every place on the Sound is to have a similar aquatic exhibition, even $1000 seems to be too large a bid for the travelling show.

OARSMAN.

HERE AND THERE.

The athletic young men of the Y. M. C. A. meet to-night to form an Outing Club.

A number of thorough sportsmen resident in this city are agitating for the amendment of existing game laws, to make the exposure for sale of venison under one year old, an offence. The necessity of such an amendment being made, the better to preserve the royal game of our province, is very apparent and it is to be hoped that something will be done by the members of the legislature in whose hands the matter has been placed.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

The Contract Awarded to Joshua Holland—Work to Begin To-day.

Tenders for the erection of the new St. Andrew's church, at the corner of Douglas and Broughton streets, were received and opened yesterday, and the contract awarded to Mr. Joshua Holland for about $41,000. The ground will be broken today and the work pushed to completion with as little delay as possible.

The old church building on Courtenay street has been offered for sale, and it is stated that the Y. M. C. A. of this city are considering the desirability of purchasing the edifice and converting it into association parlors, gymnasium, etc.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Canfield Railroad.

Mr. Charles F. King, of the Northern Pacific, has been appointed general manager of the Canfield railroad. He says it will be completed from Whatcom to New Westminster by September 1st.

Tenders for Telegraph Lines.

Tenders are invited by the Dominion Government for the construction of about 54 miles of telegraph lines along the new wagon road between Nanaimo and Departure Bay and Alberta settlement; also about 30 miles between Cape Beale Lighthaven to Whatcom, a branch running into Seattle, with Bellingham Bay and Sehome on the main line.

The Northern Missions.

The Gospel steamer Glad Tidings will sail from Vancouver on Wednesday for the Northern Missions, with Rev. Mr. Robson on board. She will go as far as Port Simpson and the Naas. Mr. Robson will visit these, and instruct and talk to the people. It is understood Rev. Mr. Crosby is meeting with great success in the East.

Silver Ledge Discovered.

The Nanaimo *Courier* reports that a fine silver ledge has been discovered on Lesqueti Island. The ledge is said to be distinct, easily traceable and prospects excellently. Quartz has been known to exist on the island, but it has never until lately commanded any attention. The recent discoveries on Texada, have stimulated prospectors to try elsewhere and the locating of the ledge on Lesqueti is the result.

Funerals.

The mortal remains of the the late Mr. Frank Van Horst were consigned to their last resting place in Ross Bay cemetery on Sunday afternoon. Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge officiated. The pall bearers were: S. E. King, C. Geisselman, P. Englehart, Louis Hafen, James Smith and C. Nagle.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Henry Rudge took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, King's road. Rev. W. Pollard conducted the services both at the house and the grave.

Westminster Board of Trade.

The New Westminster Board of Trade have elected the following officers, council and board of arbitration for the ensuing year: Officers—John Hendry, president; T. J. Trapp, vice-president; D. Robson, secretary-treasurer. The foregoing were re-elected by acclamation. Council—W. A. Duncan, E. S. Scoullar, A. Ewen, H. Elliott, James Punch, W. Wolfenden, T. Cunningham, and B. Douglas. Board of Arbitration—W. McColl, C. M. Beecher, D. Drysdale, and R. Dickinson.

The Long Snider Rifle.

A private letter received last evening from Col. Prior states that he had succeeded in having long Snider rifles issued to any member of the volunteer force or B. C. Rifle Association who may wish to obtain them. It is now in order for the association to secure a good range, in which event 1889 will undoubtedly prove a successful year to that worthy institution. With long rifles for practice and a good range the Ottawa team will no doubt make a proper showing this year.

Port Angeles Municipality.

The town of Port Angeles, W. T., is having a lively contest over the matter of incorporation as a municipality. There are two factions, each wanting control, viz: The east-enders and the west-enders. The west end is the old Government town, founded in 1863, and a part of Smith's addition, and the east end is owned and inhabited by the Puget Sound colony. A part of Smith's addition is also in the east end. Practically the town is one, and the entire district is not too large for one city, even at the present early stage of development.

The Fraser River Bridge.

Some conception can be formed of the magnitude of the bridge destined to cross the Fraser river at Mission for the C.P.R. when it is stated that there will be over three million feet of lumber used in its construction. The estimated cost is in the neighborhood of $225,000. Four tenders have been deposited for this gigantic undertaking. These have been forwarded to Mr. Abbott at Victoria, whose decision will be given in a few days. It is stated that fully 100 bridge carpenters will be employed for three months on the work. The framing will be done in one of the yards of our lumber mills, and then taken up in a scow and put in position.—*World.*

Reckless Shooting.

The pot-hunters who were out at Foul Bay on Sunday last firing in all directions, apparently regardless of consequences, furnished an excellent reason why Mr. Tolmie's trespass bill should become law. Mr. Wm. McNeil, who resides in the neighborhood, was forced to seek cover from the dangerous proximity of flying bullets. Other farmers complain that amateur sportsmen are continually firing their guns in a reckless way.

Mr. Henry King yesterday discovered a valuable bull lying dead with a bullet through a vital part. Whether its death was caused by a stray shot from some hunter's rifle, or maliciously, is unknown. It is hoped in either case that the offender will be brought to justice and severely punished.

Port Townsend Street Railway.

The city council of Port Townsend has passed an amended ordinance relating to the motor line, and the ordinance has received the approval of the mayor. A contract for 15,000 ties has been let to Wm. Payne, with the privilege of 10,000 more. There have been ordered two motors and two passenger cars, of a capacity of forty persons each, of the latest and best pattern, freight cars and rails, all to be shipped within thirty days. A sufficient force has been engaged for grading. Under the franchise the company is limited to one block at a time within the city limits, hence grading will not commence until the rails and motors are here. Then the road will be completed one block at a time. It will start at the Union wharf, and the engine will carry ties, stringers and rails to the front as the track progresses. The line will circumscribe the city and be seven miles long.

More Brick Blocks.

The row of unsightly old frame buildings which have so long offended the eye of the pedestrian as he passes the northwest corner of Yates and Douglas streets, are to be torn down at once, in order to make room for a handsome, three-story brick block which Messrs. Allsop & Mason purpose erecting on the site. Mr. Parker, who occupies the corner number of this rickety row as a branch butcher shop, has already moved out, and in a few weeks, the collection of old shanties will have ceased to disgrace the street on which they now stand. The new block will contain three or four handsome and thoroughly modern stores, with offices, etc., up stairs.

Tenders are also called for, for the erection at the corner of Government and Humboldt streets (the site of the old Australian Hotel,) of a new brick block, three stories in height, which will be used as a first-class hotel on the European plan. The work of construction, it is expected, will be commenced early in March.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

A Mongolian Row.

On Sunday evening, two Chinamen named Chow How and Young Hing quarrelled in a house on Fisgard street, and Hing finally stabbed How in the side with a clasp knife. The wound, although not likely to prove fatal, is a very painful one. Hing was arrested last evening on a charge of felonious wounding.

Letter Postage.

The statement published in an evening paper of Saturday last, headed "Heavier Letters," is misleading, as the increased weight of letters to one ounce for three cents has not yet come into operation, although such a change is contemplated. The assertion in the item that a prepaid letter was sent to the dead letter office is also wrong. No stamped letter is ever thus disposed of; but is always forwarded to its destination, and the deficient postage, if any, collected from the person or firm to whom the letter is directed.

THE LIMITS TO BE EXTENDED.

The Board of Aldermen Decide to Increase the City's Boundaries.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening in the Mayor's office for the purpose of again taking into consideration the proposal to extend the limits of the city. There were present, Mayor Grant, presiding, and all the members of the Board.

The Mayor reviewed briefly the objects of the meeting and the advantages to be gained by moving at once in the matter of extending the city limits.

Alderman Harrison explained that another vote would be called for. He asked the members of the board to throw away all personal feelings and to consider the question of extending the city boundaries, upon its merits and in the interests of the city of Victoria. If action was delayed the probability was that other municipalities would grow up around Victoria, looking the city in and effectually preventing development and progress. At present even the city park, maintained and improved each year at a great expense to the city, was outside the city limits. If the city did not move at once in the matter under consideration, it was a certainty that other municipalities would soon rise just outside. The question was whether or not the aldermen would allow the future development of the city to be blocked or not by the formation of these outside municipalities.

Ald. Coughlan did not think there was any probability of any outside municipality being formed. If there was he would be the first to vote for an extension of the city limits. As Ald. Harrison said a movement was on foot to form municipalities in Victoria West and in Victoria East, but it was still an open question whether or not these movements would amount to anything. He did not think they would. The passage of the resolution to extend the city limits was to increase the area of the city by 6½ square miles without taking in Victoria West. This was a very large area. For the improvement of the outlaying portions of the city now, he contended $20 was spent for every $1 in taxes returned to the city treasury. He would ask the Board if it was wisdom in the interests of the city to increase the area of outlying land. Personally, he would be greatly benefitted by the extension of the city limits; if not immediately, in a very few years. He thought very many living just outside the city now were very desirous of coming in. They wanted to cut their property up, and it would be money in their pockets for the city to open up roads and improve their property. He thought Ald. Harrison was wrong in saying that it was not necessary to open up roads and make public improvements as soon as the outlying districts were taken over. They would pay their taxes as soon as they became a part of the city and could demand their new roads, as they doubtless would. He did not consider the extension of the city limits was in the was in the interests of this city: it would be in the interest of the property owners outside. The city had all it could do now to keep up the necessary improvements. The wooden sidewalks all over were the most expensive that could be. It was time the city took into consideration some plan for supplying the city with substantial walks. The city had now 120 miles of streets. Compared with other cities Victoria had the same length of streets as other cities of one-half or one-third more population and one-third more revenue.

Ald. Vigilius was glad that Ald. Coughlan had said it would benefit him if the city limits were extended. Many others would be benefitted in the same manner. All who opposed the extension of the city limits would eventually see that it was in their own interest. Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Pearse and Mr. Pemberton would all take this view of the matter in time. He thought the streets and sidewalks in Victoria were in as good condition as in any city of the land. In the last three or four years great improvements had been made. He called upon all the members of the Board to