Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1888

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 22.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Electricity in London.

The largest electric plant in the world will soon be put in operation. London is to be illuminated by electricity, and a contract for the immense undertaking has already been made.

Incoming Passengers.

The steamship Umatilla, which sailed from San Francisco yesterday, has on board the following passengers for Victoria: B. Matthews, M. Powers, R. J. Ferguson, W. A. Rose, S. I. Leon, D. Tullock, H. A. Tullock.

The Islander Docked.

The C. P. N. Co's. new steamer Islander steamed around to Esquimalt yesterday morning and entered the dry dock at 12:30 without the least difficulty. She will commence running on the Victoria-Vancouver route on the 30th inst.

Claims Against the City.

All persons having claims against the corporation are requested to present them on or before the 31st inst. If not so presented, they will have to stand over until February, 1889. Printed vouchers may be obtained at the city hall, as it is the intention in future to have all accounts made out on vouchers.

Bombardment of the Forts of Sin.

Capt. Harris, of the Salvation Army, announces a three day bombardment of the forts of sin, commencing January 1st next. Staff-Captain Griffiths, "the Welsh minstrel," assisted by Adjutant Scott, will visit Victoria to take part in the bombardment. On Tuesday the 1st, there will be a Hosannah and welcome meeting; on Wednesday, songs of praise will be sung by a band of redeemed slaves, and on Thursday, scenes of salvation.

Christmas Bruin.

On Thursday afternoon a large black bear was brought down on the Island railway consigned to L. Goodacre. At the station ropes were attached fore and aft and three men took hold of either rope. When bruin evinced a desire to run forward he was promptly checked behind, and when he lagged he was as promptly pulled from the front. In this way he was kept at a safe distance, and finally reached the slaughter-house, where he was dispatched, and now forms an item of the display at Queen's Market. The bear had been raised at Nanaimo since a cub and weighed about 800 pounds.

Freshet at Comox.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* reports a serious freshet as having occurred on the Courtenay river at Comox. It rained in that district incessantly for two weeks and the river rose to an unprecedented height, washing away a portion of the bride at Urquhart's saw mill. The road at the junction of the two rivers is also washed away, and the lower part of the settlement submerged. At the present time the settlers on the river side of the valley have to go round by the high road past the mission. It is thought material damage has been done to several of the farms nearest the river. The road, which had been placed in good order during the last summer, is now entirely destroyed and will require a large sum to place it in order again.

Death of Dr. J. L. Hall.

Dr. John L. Hall died at 12:45 yesterday afternoon at his residence, Fort street. The deceased gentleman was born at Richmond Hill, near Toronto, in 1856, and resided in Blenheim, Ont., for several years. He studied medicine at Louisville and was a graduate of the Royal College of Surgeons, London. He arrived in this city about three years ago and engaged in practice with his brother, Dr. F. W. Hall. He had been ailing for some time, but was not considered dangerously ill until last week. He was suffering from Bright's disease of the kidneys, which lately assumed a serious character and he expired at the time stated despite the best of medical attendance. The deceased leaves a young wife in this city, and an aged mother to mourn his loss.

Supposed Stolen Goods.

Yesterday afternoon a Chinaman pawned a bale of shifting goods at the Chinese "uncle's," and half an hour afterwards presented six yards of black cloth. The "uncle" asked him where he got it, and receiving an impudent answer, refused to take it. When Lang Ah Sam, the customer, left, the pawnbroker informed Chief Sheppard that he thought the goods were stolen. The chief went over to Uncle Aaronson to inform him of the facts, and while there the Chinaman came along with the cloth and the Chief ran him in. The culprit objected to being locked up, claiming he bought the goods in Vancouver. It is thought they form a portion of the goods stolen in Westminster some time ago, and that Lang has a confederate in the city, as he brought no goods to the house he lodged in Thursday night.

Two Presentations.

Yesterday afternoon, during the closing exercises at the High School, Miss Mary H. Crockford, who will leave shortly for the old country, was approached by two of her school mates, Miss Tike and Master Finlayson, who on behalf of teachers and scholars presented her with a handsome dressing case accompanied by the following address:

Miss Mary Harriet Crockford:

"We, your teachers and school-fellows, meet you to-day to say good-bye. We are indeed sorry that you must leave us, that this is your last day within these familiar walls. We know that often in the days that are coming, we will miss your cheerful tones, your bright, sunny smile. Yet knowing all this, we would not keep you back. In whatever corner of the world it pleases Providence to call you, we feel confident that you will do your duty in the same earnest and conscientious manner which has characterized your life here, and which will make us ever anxious to claim you as one of us. Please accept at our hands this accompanying token of affection and good will. Whenever, in your new home, your eyes may rest upon it, waft a kindly thought backward to those who remain in the dear old school."

Miss Mebius, the head of the school, was also the recipient of a handsome volume decriptive of ancient and modern Pompeii, at the hands of an unnamed donor.

The Sneak Thieves.

The three men, Mack, Edward and Ward, were sent up for trial yesterday on the charge of robbing Mrs. Bickford's till. A search made of a valise in their room yesterday morning, in which they claimed a joint ownership, brought to light one bull-dog and two Smith & Wesson revolvers, loaded, and a number of articles. Among the latter were three pocket-knives with a price tag on, and Officer Levin discovered during the day that they were taken from D. Spencer's, where two of the saleswomen remember that three men such as described were in the store priceing goods. Several charges will be brought against them this morning. Ward was seen in Julius Barron's store tampering with the safe and Mr. Barron afterwards saw him come out of T. Lambkin's store and dart into a space between the buildings. Here afterwards was found a tin box, out of which Ward had taken $3 in five and ten cent pieces, and about that amount was found on his person. Proof is also forthcoming of their connection with the robbery of the contents of John Draut's till. The trio evidently intended to work the town for all it was worth, but they did not reckon on the vigilance of Chief Sheppard and his force.

The Matsqui Dyke.

It is stated that owing to the completion of the Matsqui dyke, the reclamation of the land is likely to prove most satisfactory in every way. The soil is exceedingly rich, and not an inch of the reclaimed ground can be said to be useless. There are in all about 28,000 acres, which will no doubt be sold off in sections.

CHRISTMAS MEATS.

The Display at the Various Markets.

There is probably no place on the American continent, and few on any other, where such excellent displays of meats are made as in Victoria, and a glance at the exhibitions to-day will amply substantiate this assertion. The conditions are favorable here, it is true; the bunch-grass fed beef is equal to the finest raised anywhere on grass or in the stall. The mutton produced is equally good, and when the supply in short Washington and Oregon can be called upon. Poultry and game are in abundance.

THE QUEEN'S MARKET

is making the principal display this season, and, as usual, the effect is most successful. The sheep is of the finest and choicest kind, calculated to delight the heart and tickle the palate of the epicure. Hundreds of handsomely dressed sheep are hanging in rows, with fine specimens of veal, grinning porkers, and saddles of mutton, artistically decorated. Geese and turkeys are hanging around by the hundred, and all are set off with holly sprigs and berries and artificial flowers. The display last night was brilliantly lighted and the Queen's Market was crowded with visitors all evening, and many were the compliments paid the handsome proprietor, who sat behind the counter, smiling an assent to his satisfaction with the whole scene.

THE ISLAND MARKET.

Mr. Robert Porter, of the Island Market, makes his display at the store corner of Johnson and Douglas streets, and will have all complete this morning. The employes were busy until a late hour last evening decorating and hanging, and the saddles of mutton and other decorative work on the carcases were really marvels. Prof. Marks having on this occasion outdone all previous efforts at designing. A central feature was the dressed carcase of a bullock, which weighed 1,400 pounds. Chickens, geese and turkeys there were in abundance, and all plump and tempting. Anyone desiring a Christmas dinner, or to see hundreds of them presented in the most pleasing style, should not fail to call at the Island market.

OTHER MARKETS.

At the B. C. Market, Van Volkenburgh Bros. have been so busy cutting and shipping that no attempt has been made at display, but the meat is there all the same and the choicest that can be had. A display may be made on Monday.

Mr. John Parker's places of business on Fort and Yates streets are filled with every description of meats, and no one need go away without securing what is necessary to make the Christmas dinner a successful one.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

Local and General Happenings Gathered Up and Presented in Readable Shape.

Mr. Wm. Denny is mentioned as a possible candidate for alderman in Yates street ward.

Sneak thieves broke into the Salvation Army quarters at Westminster on Wednesday night and stole $17 in small silver.

Flags were hoisted at almost every mast-head in the city of Westminster on receipt of the news of the defeat of the Arabs by the British at Suakin.

After the Islander comes out of dry dock, the O. R. & N. Co's. steamer Potter will enter for the purpose of having her bottom coppered and making repairs.

Mr. Geo. C. Mesher, of this city, was the contractor for the new building of the Bank of British Columbia at Nanaimo. Messrs. McLellan & McFeeley held the contract for the galvanized iron work which formed so important a factor in the interior ornamentation of the new building.

Mr. John Mortimer, of this city, has received a letter informing him of the death of his younger brother at Nordoff, Ventura county, Cala. The deceased young man was only 28 years of age, and preparing for the ministry at the time of his death, which was caused by consumption.

One of the men charged with till tapping, and committed for trial, asked for bail yesterday, stating that he was a married man and had a banking account. The magistrate, however, declined to accede to the request, and the three prisoners were removed to the provincial jail to await trial.

CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards.)

John Clark, on remand, charged with vagrancy, failed to appear, and a sentence of one month's imprisonment was recorded against him.

The Electric Illuminating Company was summoned for an infraction of the building by-law.

Mr. Taylor asked for a remand for one day. Being solicitor for the company, and city barrister, he felt he could not appear for either party, and asked for time to permit of corporation and company employing other counsel. Remand granted.

Chas. Jenkinson, summoned for an infraction of the building by-law.

Mr. Leach, building inspector, said alterations had been made in defendant's wooden building on Fort street by the erection of three wooden partitions; the partitions were about three feet high and were not nailed to the floor; but although not nailed, they were jammed against the walls so tight as to be practically permanent fixtures; witness considered the risk from fire was increased by these partitions.

The magistrate decided to dismiss the case. He said if a man was convicted under such a pretext as this, no person could place shelving or anything else in his premises. It would be carrying the law too far, and interfering with private rights.

Mr. Taylor thought it harsh to fine one man for putting in a window and dismiss another who placed partitions in a building.

Max Le Clair, charged with aggravated assault. Defendant failing to appear, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Frank Edwards, Harry Mack, and Wm. Ward, on remand, on a charge of robbing.

Mr. Taylor appeared for the defence.

The evidence of Wm. Marshall, barkeeper of the Prichard House, having been taken, the three persons were committed for trial.

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. myll-eod-dw

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Postal Delivery.

On Christmas Day the city postmen will make one delivery in the forenoon in order to accommodate parties posting letters and parcels on Christmas Eve.

The Late Dr. Hall.

In accordance with the wishes of the relatives of the late Dr. Hall, the body has been embalmed by Mr. Charles Hayward, and will be sent to Ontario for burial.

No Quorum.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was called for last evening to discuss the proposed amendments to the city charter, but at 8:30 o'clock there were present only Ald. Harris, Styles and Coughlan, and it was therefore impossible to hold a meeting.

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, wife of Mr. John Sullivan, died at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday afternoon after a long illness. The deceased lady was an old resident of this city, and was well known and esteemed. She was aged 50 years and a native of Ireland.

British Columbia Beef.

The carcase of the large steer which was on exhibition at the Island Market yesterday, weighed 1,400 pounds. The animal was raised by Mr. Graves, of Nicola Valley, and fattened on bunch-grass. It was one of the finest beeves ever exhibited in the city.

Quick Trip.

The ships McNear and Kennebec have just made remarkably quick passages from San Francisco to Nanaimo, the former vessel, under command of Capt. Dickinson, making the trip in the unprecedented time of five days and six hours, and the latter vessel, under the command of Capt. Love, in five days and twenty hours.

Christ Church Cathedral.

According to their usual custom, the choir will sing old English carols this evening after the service. The following have been selected:

1. Carol, Carol, Christmas.
2. The Three Kings of the Orient.
3. Good Christian Men Rejoice.
4. Good King Wenceslas.
5. Christ was Born on Christmas Day.

Sober Up.

Well! what next? A Port Townrend paper informs its readers that Capt. Jno. Irving, of the Canadian Navigation Company, has challenged the O. R. & N. Co. for a trial of speed, backing the Islander for $10,000 against the Olympian. A purse of $500 has been put up between the two steamers already and Saturday named for the race. The vessels will leave Victoria at about noon, the North Pacific leaving one hour in advance with the Victoria passengets. The Olympian will not carry any passengers or spectators.

C. P. R. Connection with Seattle.

Vice-President Gilman, of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad says that he has received a letter from Vice-President Van Horne, of the C.P.R., in which the latter company accept the Mission on the Fraser river, 145 miles due north of Seattle, as a point of junction of the two roads. The C. P. R. will build 15 miles to the boundary, and the Seattle company will build the balance. Mr. Gilman says the work will be pushed to completion by September 1st of next year, and that by a year from this date direct trains will be running from Seattle to Montreal.

Dog, Poultry and Pet Show.

The management of the forthcoming dog, poultry and pet show have met with an encouragement far beyond their most sanguine expectations, and the success of the affair is now assured. The number of entries have been far in excess of what was expected, and the committee are forced to decline receiving further exhibits owing to lack of space. Six men were engaged at the rink yesterday making provision for the large number already entered, and owners of all dogs, poultry, etc., are requested to bring them to the rink on Wednesday as early as possible. The show will be opened to the public on Thursday at 4 p.m., when no doubt the attendance will be such as will encourage the society to hold a similar exhibition next year.

Breaks the Record.

The Cariboo Fly arrived down from Metlakahtla and Skeena river ports at eleven o'clock last night, with passengers, mails and freight, the latter consisting of 250 barrels salt salmon from Rivers Inlet and 59 barrels and 250 cases salmon from R. Cunningham, Skeena, and a number of biscuit boxes for Smith's factory. W. H. Dempster, Judge Graham, R. Cunningham, J. Rood, Miss Chalmers and Mr. Vermilyea, the Methodist teacher from Essington, were among the passengers. The round trip is the fastest on record, the Fly having left Victoria for the North on Saturday, the 15th, at 3 p. m., and called at all the ports on the up-trip, including Rivers Inlet. Capt. Meyer is prepared to show a clean pair of of heels to anything in the shape of a steamer running north.

Corson—Mallandaine.

A crowded church, made up for the most part of the friends and school-fellows of the bride, assembled in St. James church on Friday evening to witness the nuptials of Wm. E. H. Corson, of the Esquimalt naval yard, to Louisa, eldest daughter of Mr. E. Mallandaine, architect. The ceremony was performed by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, assisted by the Rev. A. Beanlands. The young and charming bride of nineteen summers was attired in cream nun veiling with tulle veil and handsome silver ornaments. The bouquet was of beautiful white flowers, interspersed with maiden hair fern. A younger sister acted as bridesmaid in a similar dress, but pale blue. The bridegroom was ably supported by Mr. J. A. Wells, of H.M.S. Espiegle. The choir, to which the bride formerly belonged, kindly furnished a selection of music. At a later hour the happy couple were driven to their future residence on Esquimalt road. They were the recipients of numerous presents and the best wishes of a host of friends.

The Fat of the Land.

At the B. C. Market last evening the small army of employes put their shoulder to the wheel, or more correctly speaking, to the quarters of beef and carcases of mutton, and before nine o'clock there was a substantial display of the choicest Christmas meats. The beef is all from British Columbia ranges, the mutton from Nicola and the islands, and the turkeys from Cowichan, and it is almost needless to add, the very best that could be procured. Great taste was evinced decorating and arranging the display, and it was greatly admired by the throngs of people passing on the streets. The poultry were specially good, and there were hundreds to choose from. All day a dozen Chinamen had been at work in the warehouse on Broad street killing and plucking the birds, and the feathers flew pretty lively. Van Volkenburg & Bro. have several extensive contracts, and a large general trade, and the quantity of meat that passes through their Victoria store almost surpasses credence. Lately nearly a dozen head of stock have been killed daily to meet the demand. The display may be seen to-day, and early on Monday morning the work of cutting and distributing will begin.

Midnight Mass.

At 12 o'clock to-morrow night a solemn high mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's pro-cathedral. The choir will be under the leadership of Mr. E. A. McQuade.

"The Isabel."

A trial trip of the Isabel was made on Friday afternoon, and she proved herself capable of making as good time as she ever did. The engines attained a speed of nine knots per hour. Some alterations were made in her boilers since her trip to Comox, which has materially improved her.

For San Francisco.

The steamship Walla Walla sailed for San Francisco at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon with the following passengers: C. P. Smith, J. R. Mitchell, J. C. Blockett, E. Marvin, jr., W. C. Hudson-Heaven, R. L. Pippey, Geo. D. Graham, W. N. Dorman, Geo. Woodford, Rev. Dr. F. Gregg, Miss Gregg, and twelve in the steerage.

Arrival of the Boscowitz.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz arrived from Skeena river yesterday afternoon, after a stormy trip. Mr. S. Y. Wootton was a passenger. An Indian woman was also brought down in charge of a constable, on a charge of bigamy. The steamer had a light freight list.

Clever Work.

Supt. Sheppard and his officers have done a very clever piece of work in so speedily working upa strong case against the three men Edwards, Mack and Ward. The trio were yesterday committed for trial on a second charge of pilfering, and in the afternoon they were removed to the provincial gaol.

Gigantic Timber Rafts.

A dispatch from Boston says that H. C. Robertson, of St. Johns, N. B., the patentee, owner and builder of the famous Joggins raft, proposes to build a raft of about 8,000,000 feet on the northern Pacific coast and have it towed to Valparaiso. Another will be sent to San Francisco. The former will consist of piling, and the latter will, in addition to long sticks, take along sufficient lumber for a mill to be built on San Francisco bay.

Beacon Hill Park.

The park committee have recently turned their attention to clearing and beautifying that portion of Beacon hill park to the rear of the new band stand. The old swamp has been drained, cleaned out and deepened, and has been connected with the water main crossing Beacon hill, with the intention of making a fish pond. The park-keeper, Mr. Webb, has gone into the matter heart and soul, and next summer what was wont to be a mass of swamp and underbrush will be one of the loveliest spots in the whole park. Over a portion of the pond Mr. Webb has erected a rustic bridge which would do credit to a professional architect. Some graceful maiden-hair ferns have been planted on what will be the miniature islands when the pond is filled, and neat footpaths and rustic seats have been constructed around the edges. Altogether the effect promises to be most pleasing, and is one step in the long-looked-for scheme for the beautifying of our grand public park.

MARINE.

The Victoria rice mills have the bark Janet Ferguson chartered for a cargo of paddy. The vessel will leave Bangkok in the early part of January.

Steamer Olympian will resume her trips on the Victoria-Seattle route to-day. On and after January 1st, the North Pacific will also be placed on the route, making alternate trips with the Olympian.

PERSONAL.

Jas. H. Thain arrived down last night to spend Christmas in Victoria.

J. R. Anderson is seriously ill, and is reported to be in a critical condition.

Mrs. J. W. Morrison, of Vancouver, is spending Christmas holidays with friends in the city.

D. E. Brown, district freight agent, C. P.R., arrived down last night from Vancouver.

G. A. Keefer, C. G. Ballentyne, and W. J. Goepel arrived down from Vancouver last night.

Mr. Brown, advance agent of the Heine Concert Company, is in town making arrangements for his company, which will appear at The Victoria about the 4th or 5th of January.

Samuel Gibbs, manager of the Enderby flouring mills, arrived down on Friday night, and leaves for Cowichan this morning. The mill has been running night and day for some time, but has now shut down for a couple of months.

E. D. Rand, of Rand Bros., was a guest at the Rossin House, Toronto, a few days since, and was called upon by a large number of people anxious to learn particulars about this province. He was on his way to England, where he will take charge of the firm's branch office to be opened in London.

THE "WORLD" AT LARGE.

TO THE EDITOR:—The editor of the Vancouver *World* is foolishly dwelling upon a remark of mine, reported in your paper last week, in which I am supposed to have used the words, "the perpetual rain of Vancouver." Now, whether I am responsible for the adjective or not, I cannot say. I know that in a humorous vein I was contrasting the Victoria climate with that of Toronto and the great terminal city. I have not yet heard from the Toronto papers, as to what they thought about my remarks, but evidently the *World* has felt them keenly. If I used the word "perpetual" I hereby withdraw it and substitute the word "occasional," which I am sure will satisfy even the tender feelings of the *World's* editor. I have the kindliest feelings toward Vancouver and hope to see it prosper, and I will take care henceforth never to speak of an umbrella or mackintosh or a shower in connection with it. The editor says it was fine weather when I last visited Vancouver. All I will say on that point is that if he never comes nearer the truth than in that remark his statements will require not a grain but a whole bushel of salt to season them.

I have not experienced for some years so drenching a rainfall as occurred in Vancouver during my last visit, and I have been equally unfortunate on other occasions. However, I have now the *World's* testimony that the weather there is all that could be desired and I have no doubt it will continue so as long as the *World* can control it. I hope that none of your readers may be led to venture any remark of a similar kind, as indeed somebody did the other day, boldly affirming that for one year the difference in the rainfall had been measured and that Vancouver led by 59 inches against Victoria's 23. I only quote that statement to show how thoughtlessly things may be said, that are very ungenerous, to say the least of them, and which, if true, should be carefully hidden from the knowledge of intending immigrants.

Again apologising to the whole world for an unfortunate "lapsis linguæ,"

I am, yours truly,

P. McF. McLEOD.

Black Dress Materials a Specialty.

Ladies who wear Black from choice will always find the most varied selection at the CITY HOUSE. *

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

City Police Court.

In this court, yesterday, J. W. Martin, summoned for driving over Rock Bay bridge at a pace faster than a walk, was remanded until to-morrow. Two Indian drunks were assessed $5 a piece, and the court adjourned until after Christmas.

Christmas in the Provincial Jail.

Christmas being essentially a season of "peace and good will to all men," even the unfortunate prisoners in the provincial jail will participate in the general rejoicing of to-day, being treated to a good old-fashioned Christmas dinner, with plenty of roast beef and plum pudding.

The Late John Cuthbert.

The body of the late John Cuthbert, who died in Toronto on the 5th inst., arrived by the Yosemite last evening for interment in this city. Mr. C. Hayward has charge of the funeral arrangements, which will take place on Wednesday from the residence of Mr. W. H. Smith, Cook street.

A New Townsite.

On the strength of the proposed railway which has lately been surveyed from Ladner's Landing, as a centre, to Westminster, Vancouver and other points on the coast, and which is ultimately expected to reach Victoria, the people of Ladner's have decided to portion their land into town lots and hold a public auction sale in the near future.

Funeral.

The remains of the late Mrs. Mary Sullivan were interred in Ross Bay cemetery yesterday morning. Requiem mass was celebrated at the pro-cathedral by Rev. Father Van Nevel, Rev. Father Mandart officiating at the grave. Following were the pall-bearers: M. McTeirnan, Geo. Winter, John Walsh, John Fitzallan, Geo. Doughty and B. McGuire.

Improvements at the Park.

In referring to the improvements at the park, the credit for the same was in error given to Mr. Webb, caretaker, who is now absent in England. It is Mr. Edwin Wagg, assistant park-keeper, who is entitled to all the praise for the really excellent work done. He was engaged up to a late hour last evening connecting the water in order that the miniature lake might be filled to-day.

Provincial Police Court.

In this court, yesterday, before Justices Ward and Langley, Flora Macdonald, a Chemainus Indian, was fined $50 for being in possession of an intoxicant on the Songish reserve. Flora paid the fine promptly. The arrest was made by Constable Lewis and Private Detective Dunstan. The Chinaman who supplied the liquor to the Indian was sent to jail for six months without the option of a fine.

Car Building in Victoria.

Twenty flat cars are now under construction for the Island railway at the shops at Russell's Station. They will aggregate $12,000. The coaches were all re-painted a short time ago at a cost of $3,000. As soon as the reserve question is definitely settled, it is understood that extensive workshops and bunkers will be erected on the reserve, besides large coal bunkers for supplying the city and steamer trade.

Carols at the Cathedral.

On Sunday evening the Cathedral choir, under the leadership of Mr. Herbert Kent, sang old English carols. As a notice of this had appeared in THE COLONIST a large congregation assembled, testifying to the strong affection felt for the old customs of the mother country. The carols were very effectively rendered and were evidently much appreciated. Of the five, "The Three Kings of the Orient," "Good King Wenceslas," and "Christ was born on Christmas Day," were the most effective. The first of these is particularly pleasing, and was sung on this occasion for the first time. In a short address preceding the carols, Rev. A. Beanlands explained their object and place, in the worship of the church.

Too Muchee Sunday Work.

An amusing incident of the impressions made upon the Chinese mind by Christian teaching may be gathered from the following: A well-known clergyman employed a China boy to assist in the kitchen, and Sunday being the former's heaviest day of labor, there was naturally plenty of work on that day in the culinary department. It was the first Sunday the Celestial had been in the house and after the dishes had been cleared and cleansed from the afternoon dinner, Ah Got went over to Chinatown, but failed to return. He had learned a little English and writing in the mission school, and left the following note on the kitchen table: "Too much Sunday work no good. I go. Lamb of God. China Boy." He had appropriated the literal meaning of the third commandment.

Ain't They Tame?

Two of the crew of the new steamer Islander, becoming possessed of a longing to go a-hunting on Sunday morning, possessed themselves of a brace of guns and visited Esquimalt in search of ducks. Leaving the village behind them, they trudged on for a mile or more, when they espied a number of the feathered beauties, as they imagined, resting on the water. Creeping cautiously upon their prey, they prepared to annihilate them, and both took good aim and fired. None flew, and somewhat surprised, they reloaded, with the double exclamation, "Lor', ain't they tame?" After the second shot they discovered that their game, while it could float, could not fly, and an adjournment was taken in disgust, the very amateur marksmen having come to the conclusion that decoy ducks, in some cases, are fully as deceitful as riches.

Christmas Eve in Victoria.

A walk through the principal streets of our city on Christmas Eve is an unusual treat, which it is worth while waiting for a year to enjoy. Last evening almost everybody availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing our business houses at their very best, and from early evening until ten o'clock the thoroughfares were crowded by two steady streams of humanity flowing in opposite directions. Old men and young men, old women and very pretty young women, hurried along or sauntered slowly by to gaze with pleasure at the beautifully arranged windows, the illuminations and the other attractions of the Christmas display. The stores were crowded, and almost every person on the crowded streets carried two or more—generally more—parcels of all shapes, sizes and descriptions, the mysterious packages being held tightly and carefully, and the holder ever and again casting an anxious look at the treasures tucked carfully away under his or her arm. One of the most noticeable features of the busy night was that everyone of the many on the streets, was orderly, quiet and apparently in the best of good humor with himself and all the world. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of business done in the single day. In fact, were the exact figures given, it would be hard to convince the residents of many other cities that they were correct. Probably no city of the same size and population on the American continent, has seen so much money change hands in the legitimate process of trade as the Queen City, on Christmas Eve, 1888. Everyone apparently seemed to recognize the truth of the Bible quotation, "'Tis more blessed to give than to receive."

Cakes and Ale.

THE COLONIST newspaper staff welcomed in Christmas morning by quaffing good old English ale and excellent cake, the former provided by Angus & Gordon, and the latter donated by mine host, Young, of the New England Restaurant.—Thanks!

Christmas Waits.

The old-time custom of singing Christmas carols by the waits, was indulged in last evening, in the neighborhood of upper Fort street and Cadboro Bay road. The singers were kindly received and well treated by the neighbors.

Sent East for Interment.

The remains of the late George Taylor were sent east on Sunday morning. The body will be buried in the family burying ground at Port Huron, Michigan. The remains of the late Dr. J. W. Hall were placed on board the Vancouver steamer yesterday, and will be forwarded to Ontario for burial.

The Season's Greetings.

THE COLONIST last night sent Christmas greetings to its provincial and eastern contemporaries, and received in return compliments of the season from the *Free Press* and *Courier* of Nanaimo, the *World* and *News-Advertiser* of Vancouver, the *Call* and *Free Press* of Winnipeg, and THE COLONIST correspondent at Ottawa.

A Handsome Pulpit.

The old pulpit in St. John's church has disappeared, and on Sunday last the new one, of elegant modern design, took its place. It is of light, open work, circular in form, and rests on a substantial centre pillar of solid oak. The body is of oak, highly polished; while the trimmings and reliefs are in mahogany. The bible stand is a slab of polished brass, resting upon the end of a sliding rod, which admits of the stand being raised or lowered to suit the convenience of the reader. The whole is magnificently polished, and is one of the finest pulpits to be found in any city on the coast.

The Steamer "Islander."

In several of the churches on Sunday the ministers deprecated the fact that the Islander was to be used for an excursion on Sunday next. Petitions against it were circulated for signature and numerously signed. The conclusion reached in the question is not correct. The Islander will take the regular service on that day between this city and Vancouver, and in order to accommodate the many who desire to take passage by her on the initial trip the hour of sailing has been delayed until seven o'clock. The steamer will be continued regularly on the route afterwards, and will be a vast improvement on the present service, for which all who are compelled to travel, or take a trip for recreation, will be truly thankful. As the *Standard* remarked, there are more hurtful and glaring evils in the city than a Sunday excursion, and a good solid front of the pulpit presented against them will be backed up by the press and all respectable citizens, who see no harm in traveling on a Sunday.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

Local and General Happenings Gathered up and Presented in Readable Shape.

The Islander came out of the dry dock yesterday.

Three snowslides occurred near Field last week, obstructing the track but doing little damage.

Special Christmas services will be held in each of the Episcopalian churches this morning, at 11 o'clock.

Messrs. A. Gregg & Son have placed on the editorial table a couple of very handsome calendars for 1889.

The Choral Society will not meet for practice until Wednesday evening, January 2nd, 1889, when a full attendance is requested.

On and after January 1st, 1889, Lewis Hall, D. D. S., will occupy dental rooms in the Craft & Norris block, Douglas street.

The sound of the merry sleigh bells was heard in the land last evening, an enterprising hackman having decorated especially for Christmas.

The water pipe in front of the new law courts was burst by the frost early yesterday morning, and all day yesterday a stream of water was running to waste.

M. and L. Young, of the New England Bakery, have sent out this Christmas some remarkably large iced cakes of an artistic pattern. They report a largely increased trade this year over any previous.

Mr. W. J. Tippins, of this city, yesterday received the sad intelligence of the death of his father at Kingsland road, London, England. The deceased gentleman had attained the ripe old age of 84 years.

One of the recent deserters from C battery returned to the barracks yesterday, heartily tired of the "land of the free." As he always bore a good character, his fault will be dealt with as leniently as possible.

Elaborate preparations have been made at the leading hotels and restaurants, and to-day the boarders and guests will be furnished with Christmas dinners unexcelled in any other city on the coast.

Since undergoing a cleaning in the dry dock, the steamer Olympian has been found to make much better time. She now leaves Seattle one hour later and arrives here at 9 a. m. as usual.

The sheer-streak around the steamship Batavia has been painted blue instead of white, on account of the death of Sir William Pearce. This is the usual sign of a ship being in mourning.

A young man who had "celebrated" until locomotion was difficult as well as dangerous to himself and all whom he met, created a wild "hurrah" on Quadra street, between Fort and View, at a late hour last night. After assaulting several kindly-disposed Samaritans, who volunteered to help him home, he was escorted to the cells, where he could slumber without opposition.

MARINE.

Bark Viola hauled out into the stream yesterday. She will probably put to sea to-day.

Ship Glory of the Seas, coal-laden from Nanaimo, arrived at San Francisco yesterday morning.

The Duke of Abercorn arrived in the Roads yesterday. She will load lumber at Hasting's mill.

British ship Glizana sailed from Queenstown on the 16th inst. with a general cargo for Victoria.

Steamship Umatilla arrived from San Francisco at 9:30 yesterday morning, with 105 passengers and 1,012 tons of freight, 92 tons being for this city. After discharging freight she sailed for Puget Sound.

The bark Southern Chief, bound for Melbourne from Moodyville, was towed to sea on Saturday by the tug Sea Lion.

The bark Dora has completed loading with lumber at the Moodyville Mills, and will shortly sail for Sydney, N. S. W.

Wm. Elgie, one of the oldest farmers of Nichol township, Guelph, and wife, were thrown from a buggy by their team taking fright and are believed to be fatally injured. Doctors so far have been unable to restore them to consciousness.

THE CHARITIES.

The Various Institutions Dressed in Christmas Garb—An Abundance of Good Things Provided.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL.

At the Royal Hospital, Steward Garland has spent a large amount of labor and exercised considerable taste in the decorations. The dining room is especially pleasant, there being several artistic designs in evergreen and white with appropriate mottoes on the walls, which are almost hid in the luxuriance of evergreens. Each of the wards and the convalescent home are trimmed with evergreens and decorated with mottoes, while the galleries and approach to the building are liberally decorated with evergreens. The hard-working steward and his estimable wife have reason to feel gratified with the result of their efforts.

The public have not forgotten the sick and afflicted in the festive season, and everything necessary to provide a bountiful Christmas spread has been sent to the institution in abundance. Dinner at the hospital to-day will be right royally served, and all who are in a state of health to partake of the good things provided will be more than satisfied.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL.

The principal decorations at St. Joseph's Hospital are confined to the beautiful little chapel connected with the institution. A faithful representation of the crip at Bethlehem has been erected in the sanctuary, and the altars are tastefully dressed with a profusion of white wax flowers, lace and wax candles, a little holly and berries adding to the tasteful effect. The dining-room is decorated with cedar boughs, holly and ivy, and, thanks to those who rejoice in health and plenty, the sick and feeble inmates of St. Joseph's will have no cause to complain to-day of any lack of Christmas cheer.

THE ORPHANAGES.

In the midst of peace and plenty, the fatherless and motherless little ones at the orphanages were not forgotten; and to-day they are celebrating their Christmas in the style that children love best, with a profusion of holiday cheer sent in by kind friends. At the Protestant Orphans' Home the inmates rejoice in a large Christmas tree, laden with gifts. The rooms are decorated with holly and bright red berries, and care has been taken to furnish materials for a bounteous Christmas dinner. At St. Ann's Convent the dining-rooms and chapel are tastefully decorated, and a plentiful supply of materials for a first-class Christmas dinner has been sent in by friends.

A KLEPTOMANIAC

Carries Away Goods at Various Times to the Extent of Over $100 and Buries Them in His Garden—Caught Red-handed.

For the past three or four months Mr. Robert Jamieson, proprietor of the well-known book-store adjoining the postoffice, has been missing books from the store, their mysterious disappearance leading to the suspicion that it was one of his customers, a man of good social standing and hitherto unimpeached character, who was helping himself to the stock. A watch was set upon the suspected customer and a few evenings ago he was seen to pocket a couple of small volumes while making some purchase in the store. As he was going out, one of the clerks politely informed him that Mr. Jamieson would like to see him in the office. Suspecting nothing, he entered the office and was accused of the theft of a large number of books which had been missed from time to time. Indignantly denying the charge he was about to leave the office, when his latest theft was produced from his pocket and he then acknowledged to helping himself to the volumes found on him, but emphatically denied ever stealing before.

Mr. Jamieson and his bookkeeper were unconvinced, however, and insisted on accompanying the culprit to his home, where a thorough search was made, but not one of the missing books found. The bookseller was not yet satisfied, however, and the thief still protesting his innocence, turned and requested his companion to go for a police officer. Seeing that he could "bluff" it out no longer, the kleptomaniac weakened, and, leading the way to the yard, showed where he had buried his stolen treasures, in all over $100 worth of books. They were checked over and everyone of the missing volumes identified. Having recovered his goods, Mr. Jamieson determined not to prosecute, as, in his opinion, he is a confirmed kleptomaniac, and not responsible for his actions when in a bookstore. If he is not a kleptomaniac, it would be hard to give any reason for his peculiar crime, as he neither used nor disposed of his plunder, and evidently helped himself to books for the mere pleasure of hoarding them, as a miser does his gold.

PERSONAL.

Sir William and Lady Hoste are at the Driard.

H. B. Smith, C. E., of Vancouver, is at the Driard.

John E. Spain, of Seattle, is a guest at the Clarence.

J. W. Rankine, C. E., of Tacoma, is a guest at the Driard.

Percy Whittaker, merchant, of Winnipeg, is at the Clarence.

J. R.