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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, December 17.

AN INSANE WOMAN'S TERRIBLE ACT.

She Nails the Doors, Sets Fire to the House.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—A Post-Intelligencer Olympia special says: This morning at Long Prairie, about eight miles from this place, a deplorable event occurred, news of which was received here to day. Mrs. Mincer, a relative of Mr. David Chambers, has for some time manifested symptoms of insanity, and according to report she last evening saturated papers with coal oil and distributed them around the house, telling one of her children on enquiry that she was wetting them with water. Early this morning she made the remark that she was about to destroy the whole family, and, her husband, fearing that she was about to attempt his life, proceeded to put her out of the room, but on opening the door discovered the house in flames. Reaching the front door with one of his children, he found it locked and the key removed. Thereupon he ran to the back door and found it nailed up. Finally he and his little daughter succeeded in escaping through a window, but were both badly burned. The unfortunate woman with her four children were burned to death. The survivors were taken to the residence of Mr. Chambers for medical treatment this morning.

Lewis Morrison.

Next Monday night the theatre-goers of this city will have the pleasure of witnessing at The Victoria Theatre the first of a series of the highest class of attractions. We have now reached the time of year when the eastern attractions begin to give the Pacific coast a chance, and the opening one comes to us with the recommendation of a steady, successful career, and the prestige of several well-known and artistic people. Lewis Morrison company present for the initial performance the play of "May Blossom," and when first produced in New York at the Madison Square Theatre it won an instantaneous success. It has met with the same success throughout the country, and is reputed to have made more coin than any play ever written, not excepting "Hazel Kirke." It is full of strong and healthy interest, and the eastern press, in commenting upon it, declare that in its blending of comedy, feeling and pathos it is the best piece ever written. Seven of the best Baldwin Theatre people will appear in this city.

Lewis Morrison heads the list. He made a popular favorite of himself on his first visit here with the "Shadows of a Great City," and even in the limited chance that play gave him he has established himself as an actor of no mean merits. Miss Rose Wood makes her first appearance. Her performance of "May Blossom" has won the highest praise from all critics where she has appeared. Frank Wells and Louis Belmour are claimed to be two of the best comedians, and their performances in this piece is said to be the most finished and enjoyable. E. J. Holden has been too long a leading man to need much of an introduction to people so fond of theatricals as in this city. The other members of the company have all their reputations in the dramatic circles of the east. The piece will be well mounted, and altogether there is a prospect of a performance which will be worth seeing. The sale of seats commenced yesterday at Waitt's, and was unusually large, and the first night will no doubt bring out a crowded house. Those who desire to attend would do well to secure their seats.

Benefit to Mr. Snow.

Mr. Geo. T. Snow's many friends in Victoria will give him a benefit performance on Saturday night, when will be produced the play of "The Hidden Heart," by an entirely new company. The first part of the performance will include a minstrel entertainment, and a general happy evening's amusement furnished. Mr. Snow is a deserving actor, and no doubt Saturday evening will find the Theatre Comique with an appreciative audience.

Personal.

Mr. John Patterson of this city, returned on Tuesday from Kamloops Lake where he has been staying during the past summer. It is his intention to stay here during the winter months.

Mr. J. B. Carlyle, agent and inspector of the North American Life Insurance Co., arrived yesterday. He left weather 40 degrees below zero six days ago and found here—summer!

Mr. James Burns is on his way home.

Mr. James Angus and Miss Angus will shortly arrive at Victoria to remain for the winter.

Mr. Walter Langley, J. P., of Basque Ranch, is at Maplehurst.

The Weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—8 p.m.—Indications for succeeding thirty-two hours: North Pacific—Cloudy weather and rain; southerly winds, brisk to high along the coast.

ASSAULT.—A white man on Store street yesterday struck a clothes-laden Chinaman, knocking him into the street scattering the "washee." Attempting to get on the sidewalk his assailant struck him in the face, cutting him severely. A warrant is out for his arrest.

VIEWS on the Canadian Pacific railway at Hibben & Co.'s. †

Autumn Assizes.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem).

Regina vs. Greer.—This now celebrated forgery case came up before the court yesterday, Mr. W. J. Taylor (Eberts & Taylor) appearing for the prisoner.

Deputy Attorney-General Irving opened the case for the crown, going over the evidence that would be produced to substantiate the charge.

Messrs C. Wilson, M. P. P., and Hon. Wm. Smithe were the first witnesses, and gave evidence similar to that before published.

J. M. Spinks gave evidence as to the arrangement with Greer to squat on the land and then doing so, and also the arrangement for buying the alleged Indian title to the land for the sum of $250, to be provided by the witness; also the proposal from Gareshé-Green's agent, J. B. Henderson, to buy witness' interest as soon as the land was secured; the refusal of the chief commissioner on the application for pre-empting the land, stating that the land referred to was not open for settlement. Several letters were read by witness sent by him to Greer, stating the disposal of the money and the receipt by witness of a document from the Indians disposing of their rights to the land. This was enclosed in an envelope without any statement or writing from Greer. Other correspondence was read sent to witness from Greer, stating that the land had been bought in his name and that there was big money in it. Witness went to Granville and there Greer had handed him the deed. (This is the impeached document.) Witness then sold out to Mr. Green, at which prisoner was very much dissatisfied, as he thought he had been unfairly dealt with. Greer wrote a letter then, stating that only one Indian had signed and that he had secured the signatures of the other three in his own name and he had a right to half the claim; but if the witness would assist him in getting his half and advance money he would assist Spinks in getting another eighth in the property with Green & Co.

Witness, cross-examined by Mr. Taylor, stated that he now thought that the writing in the Indian receipt and that of the deed was that of Mr. McTiernan.

To the court—There was no mention made of any of the signatures being a forgery.

Owen Fitzstubbs, sworn—Produced the statement made by the prisoner before Sir M. B. Begbie at the commission of enquiry.

John Rickman gave evidence that Greer had given him instructions to draw out a document with regard to improvements. Seeing it was concerning Indians he went to Mr. Bole and Mr. Eckstein had drawn out the document produced while he waited. This he handed unsigned to Greer, who stated in the evening he had got it all fixed.

L. Eckstein gave evidence as to drawing out the document for Mr. Rickman.

J. P. Walls, sworn, stated that the impeached document was brought to his office, and interested with him were A. A. Green, Hugh McDonald, T. B. Humphreys, J. B. Henderson and the accused. The witness gave evidence to documents produced similar to that before the commission.

Cross examined by Mr. Taylor—Mr. McTiernan was in my office before the impeached document came before the committee, and asked to see the document; handed it to him and asked him if that was his signature; he examined it carefully twice and said it was his most undoubtedly; he said he would swear that it was his signature, but expressed surprise at the nature of the writing; this was the same day and before McTiernan gave evidence to the committee.

EVENING SESSION.

Indian Charley gave evidence that Sam Greer bought my house; Jim did not sell his; don't know much about Jim's affairs; never saw Sam Greer at Fraser's camp; I told Sam Greer he would get the ground by and bye; I would take potatoes out and go away; Greer came to see me three times when in McTiernan's house; Greer said he would buy stove, windows, cows, etc.; don't remember saying at police court Greer never was on my land; don't remember saying just met him at Fraser's camp; J. C. Keith, cashier of the Bank at New Westminster, in June, 1884, said Peter McTiernan must have cashed check on 26th June, 1884.

Patrick McTiernan.—Greer and Charley came to my office, I think Thursday; Greer wrote a paper; I signed it and then read it, but would not give it to Greer because it conveyed the land; never saw impeached document until I saw it in Mr. Wall's office; I would not sell Indians' lands; never saw Jim; never left dead at Holbrook House; the check was given me by Greer and cashed on same day.

Cross Examined—My duty is to protect Indians; would not sell any of their rights without their consent; had correspondence with Dr. Powell (letter produced November 17th, 1884,) relative to rights of Indians to convey improvements; never had conversation with Hugh Magee about land in New Westminster; never said that signature was certainly mine, but swear Mr. Orr didn't tell me that if I sold land land I might compromise myself with government. If the check was cashed on the 26th of June Greer must have been at New Westminster; it was two or three days after check was cashed that I left letter at Holbrook House. In spelling Charley's name I sometimes leave out the "e;" had people weak in my house.

Ella White, a niece of McTiernan's, having deposed to signing some paper as a witness, whose contents she did not well remembe

Joseph Marrion, sworn, said that Greer stopped at his place in June, 1884; told me he had it all fixed with Indians and McTiernan; saw a document at committee; it was precisely the same color as impeached document.

This closed the case for the prosecution, and court adjourned at 10 o'clock last night until nine this morning.

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

Regina vs. Cumyow.—This was a case of alleged embezzlement and forgery, and occupied the court nearly all day. Mr. Walls appeared for the prisoner and Mr. Pooley for the crown.

The case went to the jury shortly after four o'clock, and a verdict of guilty was shortly after returned.

The prisoner was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Sneak Thieves.

Chicken roosts are not the only nightly sufferers. On Tuesday night last the premises of Mr. William Gilchrist, King street, were invaded and a lot of newly-washed clothes appropriated, the line being stripped of all its contents.

WIFE-BEATING AT THE THEATRE.—On Tuesday night The Victoria was the scene of a disgraceful and unmanly affair. Charles L. Davis, theatrically known as Alvin Joslin, and whose guileless appearance on the stage conveys the impression that he is a public benefactor, after the first act made a violent assault on his wife with his fists. She fled to one of the dressing-rooms and hid away from his wrath. After a great deal of coaxing the wife emerged from her hiding place and the play proceeded. About 1 o'clock in the morning, while the company were packing up their effects, hostilities broke out again. Davis struck his wife and she fled screaming to the w. c., where she locked herself in. Davis raged and fumed and swore about the closet and at last kicked in the door and but for the presence of a policeman who had been sent for the poor woman would have been roughly handled. The company departed on the Sound steamer at 2:30 o'clock, leaving a bill for breakage for the lessee to liquidate.

BURIAL.—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late John R. Phillips left the late residence at 2 o'clock for the Baptist church, where Rev. Mr. Barss officiated. A large number of carriages containing friends (including members of the French Benevolent society) followed the remains to the grave. The pallbearers were T. L. Davies, F. Evans, R. Roberts, D. Davies, J. Switzer, and G. Babbage.

Municipal Council.

The usual weekly meeting of the council was held last night. Present, the mayor in the chair and a full board.

The adoption of the special meeting minutes was deferred until Wednesday night.

Coun. Grant stated that the electric light committee had fallen into the error that 4000 candle power lamps could be used by the dynamos that were suited to furnish 2000 candle power lights. One dynamo would supply twenty individual lamps, and the other dynamo would supply electricity for the mast lights. The proposed change of the arrangement of lights would be as follows: One of 4000 candle power to be placed in the engine house, and the number as at present on the Blanchard street mast to be retained.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From W. K. Bull, enclosing certified return of fire department election. Spread upon the minutes.

From A. Clyde, asking for 4-foot sidewalk on the west side of Rockbay avenue. Referred to street committee to report.

From W. C. Robertson and Robert Plummer, applying for position of deputy returning officer at next municipal election. Laid over for present.

From N. Paul, asking for sidewalk to be raised on certain part of Humboldt street, and also permission to use street for building purposes. First portion referred to street committee, second portion granted.

From J. S. Brown, calling attention to the condition of the south side of Cormorant street. Referred to street committee.

From S. H. Holmes and others, calling attention to the necessity of a sidewalk on the south side of Alfred street. Referred to street committee.

From T. H. Compton, D. McLeod and ten others, representing that Wm. Bell, living near Dallas road, was a great nuisance, said person having often used profane and abusive language and constantly guilty of assault on respectable citizens.

It was resolved that the attention of the police be specially called to the man.

From ladies on Superior street, between Menzies street and Birdcage walk, asking on behalf of themselves and their 26 children for a sidewalk to tide them over a sea of mud, and trusting to the well-known gallantry of the council to see that it is done. The motion was prosaically referred to the street committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were made in connection with the paid fire department:

Foremen—H. D. Saunders, 7; L. Marks, 9; M. J. Conlin, 9.

Engine drivers—J. B. Haigh, 7; C. Bush, 7.

Hook and ladder men—C. Smith, W. Bryce, A. Ross, J. Watson, E. Custer, B. Rosenan—E. Riede, T. Townsend, A. Barry, H. Mansell, R. Liddle, James Doughty, F. Allatt.

The remainder of the required number of appointees will be selected by the fire wardens in consultation with the chief engineer.

WATER PIPES TENDERS.

From the tenders for the supply of 25 tons of lead pipe for water service purposes that of Findlay, Durham & Brodie for $35 25 per ton being the lowest was accepted.

CHAMBERS STREET.

Tenders for grading, stumping, etc., from Wild, McLeod & Haggerty, $427; Jas. Baker, $360; A. Beswick, $385; Wm. Irving, $325; L. Wade & Co., $747. Tender of James Baker was accepted.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Coun. Ward moved the passage of the usual bylaw to regulate the election of mayor and councillors. Carried.

RECEPTION VOTE.

In accordance with notice of motion Coun. Ward moved that the sum of $350 be voted for defraying the balance of the expenses incurred in the reception of the governor-general.

Coun. Earle was willing to contribute, for his part, a few dollars to the above object, but would like the particulars of expenses to prevent the people from conceiving that it included the cost of a quiet little private dinner, which some would be certain to assert.

Motion carried; particulars of expenses to be published.

The council turned till Friday evening 7:30 o'clock to consider the adoption of one of the proposed systems of drainage.

What Some People Say

That the young man who quotes "Love is enough" to his mother-in-law the dry goods bills her father forgets, and is unacquainted with her capacity for beefsteak.—*Oil City Blizzard.*

That the Knights of Labor carried the municipal election at Whatcom, W. T., electing the mayor and all the councillors.

That A. P. Flint, for sixteen years manager of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. at San Francisco, is dead.

That a New York paper says: "One thing that has not stopped, general notice is the total ignoring of Vanderbilt's sister, Mrs. Louisa Labau. The commodore left Mrs. Labau half a million dollars, but she was dissatisfied with that sum and together with his son, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, contested the commodore's will, causing great trouble and scandal. It is rumored that she was ignored in the present will to punish her for the part she took in fighting the commodore's will. She is now living in France."

That New York papers say that Vanderbilt, "by giving $60,000,000 to each of his two eldest sons, and arranging for reversion to the brothers exclusively of the property of any son dying without issue, he has provided for the aggrandizement of the Vanderbilt name in a manner as shrewd as it is spacious, just as an English duke endeavors to aggrandize his name.

That England has 5,000,000 widows.

That the aggregate annual cost of the armies of Europe is nearly $756,000,000, and the average number of men withdrawn from industrial employments for military service is about 3,000,000.

That Mr. Justin Huntley McCarthy, home rule member for Athlone, will soon marry a daughter of Mr. Toole, the actor and manager.

That in some provinces in Brazil iron ore is used in large quantities as building stone, so abundant and ready to handle is it.

FOUND DEAD.—Wm. Ewing, a carpenter, who has lately been stopping at the Boomerang hotel, was last seen alive at 6 o'clock found dead in his bed at the Edinboro saloon, Douglas street. He went there during the day and told the proprietor that his name was Allan and secured a room. Another lodger heard him groaning greatly and informed the proprietor. On going to the room the door was found locked. It was burst open and Ewing was discovered lying on the bed in his death agonies. There was no money nor letters on his person—nothing to indicate who he was. By his side were two bottles, one empty and the other containing some peculiar liquid. Death is either resulted from suicide or an overdose of alcohol. The room was locked up and an idquest will probably be held.

LIVELY RACKET.—On the arrival of the Olympian yesterday an expressman named Jimmy forced his way into the examining room of the wharf, though again st the rules. When ordered out by Wharfinger Moore he so abused the latter with a vile tongue that Mr. Moore "put a head on him," and ejected him from the hull sling. The actions of some of the expressmen at the wharf are anything but orderly, and by their persistence in crowding they are a nuisance to passengers. Some strict measures should be enforced and the annoyance abated.

ROYAL INSURANCE CO.—We have to thank Robert Ward & Co., agents, for a copy of the handsomely illuminated calendar of the Royal Insurance company (fire and life), of Liverpool. The assets of the company are $26,742,035.

Christmas Examination—Girl's Department Victoria Public School.

Following are the programmes of the closing exercises of the several divisions, with the hours at which they will take place to-day:

Fifth and sixth divisions, Miss Barrow and Miss Horton, teachers—Time, 9:30 a. m. Song, "Work and Play," sixth division; introductory address, Stella de Leon, sixth division; song, "Good Morning Merry Sunshine," fifth and sixth divisions; recitation, "The Chindren's Saint," A. Russell, fifth; exercise song, "Thumbs and Fingers," fifth and sixth; recitation, M. Wolf, sixth; simultaneous reading, fifth and sixth; simultaneous reading, sixth; recitation, A. McDonald, fifth; song, "The Three Little Kittens," sixth; recitation, M. Hill, fifth; song, "The Pretty Moon," fifth and sixth; recitation, E. Kettle, fifth; recitation, E. Miller, sixth; recitation, K. Rogers, fifth; song, "The Cat's Tea Party," fifth and sixth.

Third and fourth divisions, Mrs. Reid and Miss Cameron—Time, 10:30 a. m. Simultaneous reading, "New Year's Eve;" recitation, "Santa Claus and the Mouse," Ruth Haddock; chorus, "Engine Song;" recitation, "Jamie Douglass," Bertha Finney; chorus, "Three Children Sliding on the Ice;" dialogue, "Flower Children;" chorus, "Hark the Bells;" recitation, "Toll, Toll, Toll," Hattie Macintosh; recitation, "David's Lament for Absalom," Amy Bailey; recitation, "A Man's a Man for a' That," Jean Allen; alphabetical menagerie.

First and second divisions, Miss Armstrong (principal) and Mrs. Caldwell—Time, 2 p. m. Opening chorus; lesson in history, Mrs. Caldwell; composition, "Education," Miss Bradley; reading, "Tittle Hatchet," Miss Tite; chorus, "Field Flowers;" reading, "A Victoria Adder," Miss Herd; composition, (the seasons) "Spring," Miss Workman; "Summer," Miss T. Wylde; "Autumn," Miss E. Fawcett; "Winter," Miss Hamilton; chorus, "Blue Bird;" recitation, "Hebrew Mother," Miss Workman; exercises in mental arithmetic, Miss Armstrong; recitation, "Asleep at the Switch," Miss Jeffrey; lesson in physiology, Miss Armstrong; composition, "Newspapers," Miss Jay; Christmas Carol; recitation, "Entertaining Sister Bean," Miss Christie; chorus, "Maple Leaf;" "God Save the Queen."

Victoria Musical Society Concert.

Last evening The Victoria was again crowded by a fashionable audience, the occasion being a benefit performance for a family whose breadwinner was injured while work on the theatre was in progress. The concert was in most respects excellent. The choruses of the society were well rendered and much applauded. A violin duet by Miss Young and Mr. Pichler was a real gem. It was followed by Miss Dobbs, who sang "The King's Highway" in a rich alto, and was deservedly encored. Mr. W. Whyte's recitation brought tears to many eyes, and we are not surprised to find the effort spoken of as one of the best things of the evening. After a "Creole Love Song" by Mr. Offarhaus and a Saxaphone quartette by Messrs. H. Kent, A. Weiss, E. Teale and E. Pfordner, which won an encore, Miss K. Young sang "Sweet Spirit, Hear My Prayer," and but for a slight nervousness would have achieved a brilliant success. As it was she won an encore. Then came the minuet by sixteen young ladies under the tutelage of Mrs. W. Chudley. This beautiful act was repeated at the unanimous request of the house. In the second part the clarionet solo by Mr. Teall was delightfully executed and the audience would not be satisfied until he had repeated the piece. A song, "Lost and Found," by Mr. Kent, was encored. This song and that of Miss Heathfield ("Queen of the Night") were the best vocal efforts. Miss Heathfield's was a difficult piece, but it was faultlessly rendered. Mr. Pichler's violin solo "Carnival of Venice," was a brilliant achievement. He was accompanied by Miss Young, and being encored gave a perfect imitation, with a loose bow, of an organ. After another saxaphone quartette the society rendered the beautiful chorus, "Blue Alastian Mountains," and the entertainment closed with "God Save the Queen," Prof. Pfordner conducted the concert.

The Temperance Convention.

On Tuesday a representation of temperance workers in the province assembled at Temperance Hall in convention, and after organizing with Rev. E. Robson, of Nanaimo, as president, proceeded to the discussion of the questions prepared by provisional committee, beginning with reports of delegates, which were several of them very interesting and encouraging, especially so the remarks of Mrs. Thomas, of the W. C. T. U. of Seattle.

Yesterday morning convention again opened at 10 o'clock, and for several hours was occupied with reports of delegates. In the afternoon the following topics were discussed at much length and on the part of several delegates with marked ability, viz.: "Scientific instruction in schools," and License laws," occupying all the time allotted to the session.

A mass meeting was held in the evening at the same place and was largely attended, the hall being filled by a highly respectable audience. The president of the convention presided and opened the meeting with a comprehensive speech. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Bank of Seattle, and Hemlaw of Maple Bay; also by Mrs. Thomas, representative of the W. C. T. U. of Seattle. The addresses were of the most practical and enthusiastic character and dealt with the most vital points of the question, the speakers being frequently interrupted with bursts of applause. A liberal collection was taken up at the close.

Pilfered Poultry.

Chickens still continue in great demand, particularly at night time. On Monday night last the premises of William Batchelor, Saanich road, were visited and twenty-five fowls stolen, many of them of the very finest breeds. On Tuesday night the residence of William Robinson, on Henry street, was called at, and twelve of his best birds taken. The Chinese have been blamed heretofore, but it is now suspected that they are not the only ones who make these raids on hen-roosts.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT.—About 4 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. Peter Lester was aroused by hearing some person trying to raise the window of the bedroom. She asked, "What are you doing there!" when the noise ceased. Mr. Lester awakened by the exclamation, sprang out of bed, and armed with a pistol, ran to the door. He found the side gate, which was closed when he retired, wide open, and the house-dog, a bright and vigilant sentinel, quiet. In the morning a piece of meat was found hanging on the front gate. His belief is that the visitor was a burglar, and that the dog's confidence had been gained by being fed. The police should be vigilant. There is great distress in Chinatown, and robberies and attempts will be frequent during the winter.

NEW WESTMINSTER RESERVES.—On Tuesday next an important auction sale of city reserves and gardens will take place at New Westminster. The object of this vendue is to secure funds to subsidize the Canadian Pacific railway for bringing their railway to the Royal city. It is believed that railway connection will greatly enhance the value of real estate in that town, and that the lots now offered will advance rapidly in the coming spring, when railway work will begin.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—Allsop & Mason have completed the purchase of the lot on the southwest corner of Government and Broughton streets, 102 feet on Government street and 78 on Broughton, for $13,500. The vendors were Mr. Henry Nathan and Dr. Tuzo.

AT LONDON on the 7th instant the Hudson Bay Company's shares were 21¼.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Girls' Department.

The examinations of the girls' department concluded yesterday afternoon, after a very successful term of five months. A large number of the parents and friends of the girls attended. Among those present were Mrs. Oppenheimer, Mrs. John Grant, Mrs. J. Heywood, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Batchelor, Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker, Mrs. P. T. Johnston, Mrs. Scriven, Mrs. Jay, Mrs. Castleton, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Jeffree, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. McClure, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Hibben, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. C. Hayward, Miss Richardson, Misses Williams, Miss Teague, and many other ladies. Trustees Harris, Higgins, McMicking and Heisterman and Mr. Theo. Davie, M. P. P., were also present and made suitable remarks.

Mr. Harris said this was the third day that he had attended the closing of the schools, and he was glad to see such progress. He congratulated the teachers upon the manner in which they had brought on their pupils.

Mr. Heisterman said he was also pleased to see the progress made during the last term, and he hoped that the pupils would continue as they had begun.

Mr. Higgins said that in times gone by free schools were not so advanced as they were now, and if women knew the simple parts of the English language that was thought to be enough; but now the cause education was gaining ground and women were allowed to compete in many of the walks of life with men. He hoped that the girls would endeavor to make a mark for themselves.

Mr. Theo. Davie said it was a rather unexpected honor to address the pupils. He had not expected to see such a marked improvement; although he had been told that the girls were getting on in their various depastments he did not think that they were so far advanced as he found them to be.

Mr. Offerhaus said he had been a long time connected with the public schools, and he was in a position to note a vast improvement.

Mr. McMicking advised the girls to be strictly obedient to their teachers; the benefit would then be on their side, as the teachers were there to help them on and if they did not assist the teachers there would be a very poor showing indeed.

The proceedings were enlivened by some very pretty choruses, very able compositions, recitations and readings.

In closing Miss Armstrong exhorted her pupils to return with their minds refreshed for work.

Only one prize was given. That was for the best knitting, and was presented by Mrs. T. N. Hibben, Miss Eda Newbury receiving it.

The following pupils passed the December entrance examinations into the high school:

Marks obtainable, 750. Marks obtained: Miss G M Fox, 556; Miss J M Bradley, 550; Miss A Oppenheimer, 545; Miss L Sylvester, 528; Miss J Askew, 521; Miss A Carr, 520; Miss M Cox, 512; Miss B M Jay, 491; Miss L Parks, 487; Miss L Malleindaine, 483; Miss L Allen, 469.

Promoted from second to first division—Misses B M Hamilton, J Herd, E F Richardson, T V Wilde, R E Wolfenden, C C Neaves, R S Pope, H M Workman, E L Newbury, G A Sims, E M Fawcett, F McKinley.

LIST OF PROMOTIONS (GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.)

From third to second division, in order of merit—H McIntosh, S Hartnagel, E M Lorimer, A D E North, S J Bryant, C A Bailey, H R Burgess, S L Maynard, S A Heisterman, C L Cameron, S McDowell, A Winter, E Carr, L B Munsie, F Hayward.

From fourth to third division, in order of merit—A O Porter, C M Drake, A M Cates, C B Mebius, O L Luker, B Finney, M E Bloomfield, J Lee, J Allan, E J Askew, E M Ward, A E Spencer, E M Elford, E Caven, M Birney.

From fifth to fourth division, in order of merit—E Haughton, J A Dearberg, M Smith, A Russell, A M Grant, J M Gayler, N Denny, C E Pierce, E M Dalby, E M Hall, E L Carter, J Foster, E T Hibben, A M Askew, A Haughton.

From sixth to fifth division, in order of merit—F Moody, A Felker, A M Solloway, M Wolf, L M McDuff, J Frances, M E Chance, E I Miller, S A Eckersby, M E Milne, L Estes, F A Whittier, M E Williams, B Fraser, E E Mansell, M M McDonald.

THIRD DIVISION PRIZE LIST.

General proficiency—Hattie McIntosh.

Head of 2d division—Addie McConnell.

Arithmetic—Annie Winter.

Geography and deportment—Birdie Hartnagel.

Grammar and deportment—Bessie Lorimer.

Victor in spelling match—Ada North.

Reading—Amy Bailey.

Regularity and punctuality—Clara Baker, Barbara Lenfesty, Gertruda Ure.

Deportment—Agnes Blackburn, Matilda Coates, Henrietta Ball.

Writing (greatest improvement during the term, prize presented by Miss Cameron)—Millie Carr.

General proficiency and spelling match, prizes presented by girls of 3d division:

CHRISTMAS EXAMINATION, GIRLS CENTRAL SCHOOL—FOURTH DIVISION PRIZE LIST.

First prize, general proficiency—Alice Christie.

Second prize, general proficiency—Alma Millicent Cates.

Third prize, general proficiency—Charlotte Daisy Mebius.

First prize, deportment and regular attendance—Clara May Drake.

First prize, deportment—Edith Isabel Askew.

First prize, English grammar, (100 per cent.)—Marian Grace Carter, Mary Elizabeth Bloomfield.

First prize, reading—Josephine Lee.

First prize, greatest improvement—Nellie Grant McCulloch.

First prize, mental arithmetic—Jane Allan, Dollie Van Valkenburgh, favorite among the girls.

DIPLOMAS.

English grammar—Bertha Finney.

Regular attendance — Janet Ursulla Creech.

Proficiency, 2d class—Caroline Snider.

Cumyow.

When the sentence of the court was pronounced on Cumyow he seemed dazed for a moment and unable to understand its drift. In a moment he pulled himself together and the constable approached to place the handcuffs on his wrists. Cumyow quickly divested himself of his kid gloves and held out his hands. The handcuffs closed with a sharp click. The prisoner's young brother, who was in the court-room, here approached to bid him good-bye, and Cumyow, turning to the constable, begged him to remove the cuffs for a moment.

"What for?" asked the constable.

"I want to give my poor little brother my overcoat. I'll never want it any more."

The constable removed the cuffs and outside coat and handed it to his brother, who thereupon burst into a flood of tears and sobbed as if his heart would break. Cumyow, who had driven to the court in a cab, was then walked back to jail and will be sent to New Westminster in a few days to commence his sentence. He is a smart, dapper young man, a fine English scholar and a native of this province.

Canoe Accident.

An accident by which two lives were nearly lost occurred a week ago off Beechy bay, but has not, we believe, been chronicled yet. It seems that two men named McCullouch and Davis left Sooke in a canoe loaded with shingles for Beechy bay. When off this latter place half a mile out, the wind high and a heavy sea running, the canoe capsized. Davis, by the aid of a paddle, managed to swim ashore, while McCullouch climbed in the bottom of the canoe. Upon receiving the news from Davis, two Beechy bay settlers, George Brown and McIntosh, went off to McCullouch's aid, whom they found clinging to the canoe, with breast chafed from friction with it and so far lost in unconsciousness as to render it difficult for the rescuers to make him loosen his hold. The weather was so rough that three times during the return to shore, the rescuers were nearly swamped by the waves.

OIL PAINTINGS, 7x15, of Mount Baker and Foul Bay, and others of a similar size. Underway price, $3.00. T. N. HIBBEN & CO.

Temperance Convention.

The session of the provincial temperance convention held at the Temperance Hall, Pandora street, was concluded yesterday; Rev. Mr. Robson in the chair. The time was fully occupied till noon in discussing the following topics: "The Scott Act in Relation to British Columbia," and "Workingmen and Temperance." In the afternoon a provincial branch of the Dominion Alliance was organized, Rev. E. Robson, Nanaimo, being elected president, and Rev. D. Fraser, Victoria, secretary. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the unusually large consumption of intoxicating liquors in this province, and the lamentable results which follow, in poverty, disease, debauchery, crime and premature deaths, we most earnestly call upon all our fellow citizens to discountenance by example as well as by precept, the drinking usages of the day.

Resolved, That the license laws of this province, and the municipal law, as relating to the liquor traffic, are in an exceedingly unsatisfactory condition, and are utterly insufficient for the proper restriction or efficient control of that traffic; we therefore recommend our friends to use their influence and vote for the return to the next provincial parliament of such candidates only as shall and do pledge themselves to assist in the revision of these laws with a view to limiting the number of houses licensed, more efficiently regulating retail liquor licenses, doing away entirely with Sunday traffic and bars from groceries, and securing as far as can be done, the right of the people to protect themselves from the traffic, where they are so disposed; and in carrying out this purpose we call upon all our friends to rise above all prejudices and preferences, whether religious or political, and make this the great living question of the hour.

Resolved, That petitions for the amendment of the Canada temperance act so as to make it available in British Columbia, be at once prepared and circulated for signatures throughout the province, and when so signed sent forward to Ottawa for