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DESPAIR.

[Written for THE COLONIST.]

The tide, that softly left the shore,
Went murmuring o'er the pebbly strand;
An evening sun was shining o'er
The glistening waves and rocks and land.
An evening breeze was whispering low
Some tale unto the waves that fled,
While far amid the waters' flow
One little rock raised up its head.

I launched my boat upon the tide,
As though to seek some land unknown;
I reached the rock—I climbed its side,
And sat down on its face alone.
Alone: between the sea and sky,
A speck on Nature's grandest scene;
I wished to lay me down and die
Where Nature's hand alone had been.

Like one of old, my senseless form
God's hand would hide from mortal sight,
Amidst the thunders of the storm,
And stare that shed my funeral light.
Some sable cloud might be my pall,
And only tear drops from the skies
Upon the grave of him might fall,
Who claimed no tears from human eyes.

I sat alone—the sun went out,
And whispering breezes, cool and sweet,
Changed to the storm's loud, angry shout,
That lashed the waves about my feet.
Night trailed her robes o'er land and wave,
But pitiless was her dusky brow;
Not one attendant planet gave
Light o'er her truckless pathway now.

No sound I heard save sea-mew's cry,
The billow's flash and thunder's roll;
Gloom shadow'd all, from earth to sky,
And black despair enwrapped my soul.
With anguished heart, I cried aloud,
Like him who did for Israel sue,
"Why art Thou covered in a cloud,
That thus my prayers may not pass through."

—M. P.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, June 21.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Gathering of the Clans.

The 26th annual gathering of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society will be held on Beacon Hill on the 4th of July. A grand programme of sports, etc., has been prepared and will be laid before the public in a few days.

The City Police Slate.

In the city police court yesterday morning, Hon A. N. Richards, P.M., presiding, W. Millar was sent down for one month for being drunk. The case of the corporation of Victoria against Henry Smith, charged with allowing his cattle to roam at large on Beacon Hill, was dismissed.

The Masonic Banquet.

At a meeting of the masonic fraternity held on Wednesday evening, it was decided to banquet the Grand Lodge officers at the Delmonico on Saturday, instead of Monday evening, as first arranged. Mons. Escalet is making preparations for the entertainment of upwards of 200 guests.

The Blaze at Cedar Hill.

Wednesday night's fire proved to be a building at Cedar Hill, used about three years ago by Mr. W. W. Evans as a slaughter house, and empty since then. It was valued at about $1,000, and insured for $850. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed that the building was set on fire by vagabond Indians.

Big Profits.

Mr. John Dooley, of Fraser River, will shortly move to this city, having purchased two lots on the south side of Yates street, near the school reserve, upon which he intends to erect a pair of handsome residences. A few years ago Mr. Dooley bought a farm near Ladner's Landing, paying $10,000 for it. This farm he sold recently for $35,000 to Mr. J. C. Calhoun, who in turn sold it a few days later at an advance of $30,000.

A Juvenile Partington.

A Central school young lady who fortunately knows more about her work than she does of medical terms, made a hash of things yesterday evening. The omnipresent small brother was complaining bitterly of a rather bad bite, administered on his arm by a ferocious dog, and for the purposes of illustration exhibited the scar. The sister viewed the wound with horror for a minute, and then remarked in accents of warning, "Georgy, if you don't watch it you'll get 'heterogenious.'"

Mining Difficulties.

The Calgary Tribune says: We understand the proprietors of the mines at Field, B.C., had a writ served upon them yesterday at the instance of Sheriff Redgrave, to restrain them from proceeding with any work on their claim. These men filed their claim under the Dominion laws, and subsequently Sheriff Redgrave filed a claim under the British Columbia laws, hence the trouble. Correspondence from Windermere by this morning's mail says there will be a good deal of work done in the mines in that locality this summer.

Now, Eli!

Eli Perkins has been writing to the United States' newspapers that the C. P. R. beats all the Yankee transcontinental roads for big mountains, icy glaciers, towering waterfalls, and picturesque scenery generally. He suggests that every transcontinental tourist should go on return by the C. P. R. He says the wild canyons of the Fraser and the Kicking Horse rivers beat the canyons of the Arkansaw and Colorado. Eli is our Yankee humorist, but he must stop flirting with the Canucks or we will summon the Inter-state railroad commissioners to check his soaring pen.—Pittsburgh Com.-Gazette.

From the West Coast.

The sealing schooner Winifred, Capt. Steele, owned by Capt. McDonald, arrived in from the west coast yesterday afternoon. She was disappointed in securing an Indian crew, and in consequence could not go north. The Indians had promised to go, but backed out as they did not think the catch would be large enough this year to pay them as much as they considered their services worth. A small catch of seals from the west coast was brought home by Capt. Steele, who reports that the Beatrice unloaded over 500 skins at Clayoquot Sound a few days ago, before sailing north. When the Winifred left Clayoquot early on Wednesday morning, the government steamer Sir James Douglas was just coming in.

Australian Visitors.

Mr. Charles A. Pridham, of Melbourne, Australia, formerly crown prosecutor for the colony of Victoria, visited Ottawa on the 12th inst., accompanied by Mr. T. Murphy, a young man entrusted to his guardianship. Mr. Pridham was special commissioner on the European Continent for the London Times in 1848-49 and '50, and as such acquired quite a reputation as a journalist. He also engaged in newspaper work for some time in Australia, before entering actively upon the practice of his profession. Mr. Pridham retired from official duty some years ago, and is now taking a trip around the world. He left Melbourne with his ward fifteen months ago, and after spending some time in the neighboring Australian colonies, came to England by way of the Suez canal. After "doing" England, Ireland, Scotland and France, the two gentlemen came to New York, and from thence to Montreal and Ottawa. They left Ottawa on the evening of the 13th inst., for Toronto and Niagara, and thence over the C. P. R. to British Columbia, sailing from San Francisco on the 29th of the present month. Mr. Pridham desires to contradict the statement made by a Montreal paper that he is specially commissioned by the Australian government to report upon the practicability of the Canadian Pacific as a route for the mails between Great Britain and Australia, but says that he has been informally requested by several of the Colonial governments to give his views as to the character of the Canadian Pacific route, on reaching home.—Ottawa Free Press.

The Altar Society's Sale.

The ladies of the Altar Society of St. Andrew's pro-Cathedral brought their apron sale to a close with an enjoyable concert, in Philharmonic Hall, last evening. The sale has been an event of pleasure while it lasted, and has brought a goodly amount of coin into the coffers of the society, which will be used in the adornment of the altars of the church.

A School Treat.

Both divisions of the high school will have an outing to-morrow. The picnickers will leave the school grounds in "Young America" or some other omnibus and will be conveyed to Craigflower, where all arrangements for spending a very pleasant day have been made. It was at first intended to have the outing at Cordova Bay on Tuesday next, but arrangements of other pleasure-seekers caused an alteration to be made in the intended programme.

LITTLE LOCALS.

To-day will be the longest of the year.

Over 600 men are at work on the Westminster Southern Railway.

Thirty-five Chinese ex. Parthia arrived by the Islander last evening.

The new electric lamps have arrived and will be at once put in position.

Late reports from Nicola state that the grasshoppers have eaten up everything.

The second division of the boys' school will picnic at the Gorge on Saturday.

H. Clarke has opened out a first class butcher shop at the corner of Johnson and Quadra streets.

The salmon catch in the Fraser continues very light, and as a consequence shipments east are very small.

It has not yet been decided by the I. O. G. T. lodges, where or when they will hold their union picnic.

The officers and non-commissioned officers of the B. C. B. G. A. will meet at the drill shed to-night, to study the new tactics.

Mr. Charles Minckler, who a few days ago purchased lot 30 Beckley Farm, will shortly erect a handsome residence thereon.

The Young People's Association of the Pandora street Presbyterian church announce a raspberry social for Monday evening next.

Twenty-six sacks of mail matter arrived in Victoria a few evenings ago, and were disposed of in five hours by the post office staff. Pretty quick work.

Our city fathers met the promoters of the Victoria, Saanich and New Westminster railway, and talked over railway matters with them last evening.

The settlers in the district of Cowichan have made extensive preparations to celebrate Dominion Day. There will be athletic sports, viz. boxing, jumping, running, boat races, etc.

A special meeting of the city council will be held this evening for the purpose of receiving tenders for the purchase of the debentures issued under the $45,000 loan by-law.

Mr. Frank Atwood purchased yesterday through Bourchier & Higgins' agency, lot 29 of the Beckley Farm for $400. Messrs. Bourchier & Higgins also report the sale of several lots in Seattle, B. C.

Readers of THE COLONIST will understand that the Gallagher mentioned in connection with the opium customs frauds is not Chas. F. Gallagher, the genial representative of Todhunter, Mitchell & Co., Toronto, now sojourning in the city.

The captain and two men of the Indian sealing schooner Letitia, who are charged with stealing the scuppers from the steamer Otter, were brought before the Chief Justice yesterday, and the hearing of their case, under the Speedy Trials Act, set for Monday.

The smoke of half a dozen bush fires which are raging over the Sound, was plainly to be seen from Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon. The spiral columns of smoke rising from the distant Olympians, could with a little stretch of the imagination, be taken for the breath of so many sleeping volcanoes.

Mr. John Sirr, of Sea Island, has sold his farm, consisting of 260 acres, along with stock, implements, etc., for the sum of $10,000, to a gentleman named named Prentiss, who has lately came from Scotland. Mr. Prentiss takes immediate possession, and Mr. Sirr leaves for Ontario in a few days to visit his old home.

PROVINCIAL POLICE COURT.

(Before Robert Ward, J. P.)

U. Looey Chung, a Chinese resident on Fisgard street, was charged with driving on the street a horse which was suffering from glanders. As it was not proved that the defendant was aware of the nature of the horse's sickness, the case was dismissed.

John Williams, was charged with assaulting Michael Morrisey, by throwing a stone at him. The scene of the alleged assault was the Cedar Hill road. After the evidence of prosecutor and defendant, as well as Andrew Morrisey had been taken, the magistrate decided to dismiss the case, the $6 costs to be paid by the complainant.

On hearing the sentence of the court, Mr. Morrisey became a little excited and remarked to the bystanders: "Do you call this justice? I bring the case of assault against this man, and then I have to pay the costs?"

"That's just the beauty of it. You get the whole benefit out of your case," replied a sympathizing listener, and Mr. Morrisey went sadly home.

MARINE.

Indian sealing schooner Letitia went out last night.

Steamer Daisy came in from Chemainus with lumber, yesterday.

British barque Cuthona, Capt. Giffer, has left Sydney, N.S.W. in ballast for Victoria.

British barque Ivy, Capt. Caron, 580 reg., has sailed from Valparaiso for Port Townsend and Victoria.

Steamer Maud is discharging Nanaimo coal for the Albion Iron Works Co. at the C. P. N. Co.'s dock.

Ships Kennebec and General Fairchild, both bound for Nanaimo, are still in Royal Roads waiting for a tow boat.

Steamer Alexander returned from the Cape yesterday, having towed the ship Valley Forge to sea, coal laden from Departure Bay for San Francisco.

Steamer Princess Louise is waiting with steam up for a private party which she is to convey north. She is at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf.

Schooner C. H. Tupper, Capt. Kelly, having taken in 150 telegraph poles at Esquimalt, will go over to Vancouver to day to load cable for Honolulu. She expects to get away from the terminal city in about ten days.

FRENCH CREEK.

Mr. Albert Hirst at Englishman's River has commenced cutting hay. Owing to the drought, however, the yield is only an average one. Grain, both wheat and oats, looks exceedingly well when the long, dry spell is taken into consideration.

The fine farm comprising some 480 acres—owned by Messrs. Parke & Sons—and adjoining that owned by Hirst Bros., among other improvements boasts a large orchard which has been recently planted and which will doubtless be highly remunerative before long, as this district seems well adapted for fruit-growing. Though the Messrs. Parks have but just completed their fine new residence their property is for sale at a remarkably low figure.—Courier.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

THE ROAD TO RUIN.

A Tacoma Confidential Clerk Steals His Employers' Money and Forges their Name—Arrested in Victoria Last Night.

William Foster, of Tacoma, stepped off the s.s. Islander last night, and asked the way to the Driard Hotel. A bystander gave him the direction, and he passed on. Chief Sheppard caught sight of him, and walking along, informed him that he was his prisoner. Foster was shown a telegram from Tacoma, containing his description and stating that a warrant had been issued against him for forgery. The young man's eyes bulged out with terror, and he quietly acquiesed to taking a seat in a hack in waiting, and instead of registering at Victoria's chief hotel, his name was recorded on the book at the police barracks.

The prisoner is a young man of pleasant address, and it is said is highly connected in the east. For some time past he has occupied the position of confidential clerk in the extensive real estate office of Yale, Sawyer & Co., Tacoma, who reposed in him the highest confidence. Of late Foster has been travelling the path which has led to the ruin of so many prodigals. Instead of seeking enjoyment in the society to which he was by his position entitled, he preferred that of women of questionable repute, and was infatuated with a variety actress. On her he lavished his affection and wealth. Alas, he took the money also of his employers, and, becoming fearful of discovery, on Saturday last he left for Whatcom with the actress. From there he took the steamer Premier for Vancouver, arriving here last night.

Foster took the keys of the safe away with him, and up to the present time the amount of his stealings is unknown. He had been carrying the bank book of the firm with him, making the excuse that he left it in his other suit. His employers suspecting nothing made no further inquiry. Since his departure it has been learned that he appropriated the day's receipts, and also forged the name of the firm to two drafts to secure their payment. He was authorized only to sign for deposit. Until his return with bank book and keys his shortage will not be learned. The woman who has been his companion recently purchased $2,000 worth of real estate in Tacoma, and from this fact it is thought Foster's stealings will figure up to several thousands of dollars. The young man was very much depressed last night and feels his position keenly.

PERSONAL.

Robert Tolmie, of San Francisco, is in town.

J. E. and Mrs. Corbould are at the Driard.

Hon. F. G. Vernon returned from the mainland last evening.

Ald. I. Oppenheimer and wife were among the arrivals from Vancouver last night.

Jesse M. Cowper and U. Nelson returned to Victoria by the Islander last night.

Thos. G. Sheenan and wife, of New York, and S. K. Straight and wife, of Walla Walla, are at the Driard.

James F. Stacker, city editor of the Port Townsend Argus, who has been spending his holidays in Victoria, went home this morning.

Rev. Wilmot Sitwell and the Misses Sitwell arrived from England by the Islander last evening, and are staying at Mrs. McDonell's, Bird Cage walk.

Capt. W. Power, Moodyville, and Ald. J. W. Horne, Vancouver, arrived down last night and are at the Driard. The latter gentleman has been most successful in real estate, and has probably made more money there than any other individual.

Among the arrivals at Vancouver by the s.s. Parthia, was Sir Hugh Armitage, Bart. Sir Hugh has recently fallen heir to Selby Hall, Cambridgeshire, Eng., and is now going around the world for pleasure. He is only 27 years of age, and makes himself popular wherever he goes. General O'Shaughnessy, commander of the British forces at the Straits Settlement, also arrived by the Parthia, and left for England on Wednesday.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE RIFLE.

Rex. J. M. McLeod, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., is expected to arrive at Vancouver to-day to take charge of a new Presbyterian congregation that is being formed. The reverend gentleman is well known to all former residents of Prince Edward Island, having filled a prominent place in Presbyterian church circles in that province for many years, where he was held in high esteem. About four columns of the Daily Patriot, Charlottetown, are devoted to the leavetaking with the people there, containing addresses from the Victoria Lodge of A. F. & A. M., from Zion church congregation, letters from brother clergymen and complimentary speeches. At the conclusion of the farewell he was presented with $400 in gold from his congregation, all of which go to show the high appreciation in which Mr. McLeod was held.

The Vancouver Rifle Association has received a challenge from the Victoria association to shoot a match on Dominion Day. The challenge will very probably be accepted, and the match will take place on the Vancouver range.

THE CYCLE.

Capt. Scott, the most devout wheelman in Victoria, returned last evening from San Francisco, looking thoroughly contented and happy. His "56" will once more be seen at the front in club parades.

The Island Wanderers took their regular club run last evening.

Hart-Crawford.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, was the scene of a very happy event Thursday morning, namely the marriage of Mr. F. W. Hart, so well known and so popular in the city, and Miss Josephine Crawford, a daughter of Mr. Crawford, of Palermo, Halton County, Ontario. Long before the hour fixed for the happy ceremony had arrived, the church began to fill with ladies and gentlemen invited to witness the event. The sidewalk and the steps leading up to the church and also the aisles were beautifully carpeted, while a number of ushers, with lovely moss roses in their button-holes, were ready at the entrance to show the guests to their seats. A beautiful peredos had been raised on the preacher's platform, decorated with vases of flowers which had been sent by friends from Victoria, New Westminster and other parts of the province. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hart left by the Islander for Victoria, and on Friday morning went to Puget Sound for their honeymoon.

Many Thanks.

"My age is 58 and for 20 years I have suffered from kidney complaint, rheumatism and lame back, and would have been a dead woman if it had not been for Burdock Blood Bitters, of which two bottles restored me to health and strength." Miss Maggie Hendsby, Half Island Cove, N.S.

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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-w

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Defective Hydrants.

It is said that the fire hydrants at the corner of Government and Yates and the one at the corner of Wharf and Yates are both out of order, and in case of a fire would be useless. They should be repaired or replaced at once.

Additional Offices.

The two flats in the Hamley building and the one in the building adjoining the present railway offices, have been leased by the Messrs. Dunsmuir for the purposes of their various businesses. The present tenants have been advised to leave at the end of the present month.

The Portland-Victoria Route.

Owing to the encouragement held out to the steamship Idaho since being placed on the Victoria, Portland and Sound route, and the increased traffic; commencing on the 27th inst., steamers will leave Portland every five days. The service will be performed by the steamships City of Topeka and Idaho.

Real Estate Transfer.

An acre of that beautifully situated property of Mr. Wm. McN ff, on the Esquimalt road, was sold yesterday, through Messrs. Bourchier & Higgins, to Mr. Jno. L. Penney, an English gentlemen, for $2,000. The land has a frontage both on Esquimalt road and on a bay in the harbor, and a more beautiful place for residential purposes it would be difficult to imagine.

The Opium Trade.

The manager of Sing Wo Chang declines the position given his company in THE COLONIST yesterday morning. He states that their firm, which is a branch of the Hong Kong house, is not doing business here with the avowed object of killing off competitors. They are not going to squander money in doing it, and simply desire to carry on business as may seem fit to themselves.

Another Freight Line.

The Nanaimo Free Press says: It is learned on good authority that arrangements are being made by the steamship Southern California, running between San Francisco and Nanaimo, for the carrying of freight on the upward trip to Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo. On her last trip the Southern called in at Victoria and made arrangements whereby she can go into the inner harbor and discharge freight at Turner, Beeton & Co.' wharf.

Boring for Coal.

Mr. Abbott stated yesterday that the apparatus sent out from the east by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the purpose of boring for coal on the site of Vancouver City and its vicinity is now on the ground and that men experienced in such work will commence operations at once. The spot selected for the first bore is on the company's property on the Indian reserve on the south side of False Creek, and in a south-westerly direction from the Granville street bridge.—News-Advertiser.

Mining on Salt Spring Island.

The Salt Spring Island Mining Company (limited) was incorporated some weeks ago, and work has since been prosecuted on the mine, men being kept steadily at work night and day. A shaft was sunk 85 feet, at which depth a well defined ledge was found. In order, however, to prospect the ledge at a greater depth and with less expense, the company have decided to run a tunnel from the side of the mountain 130 feet lower down. The tunnel is now in 100 feet and everything so far gives evidence that the mine is going to turn out well.—Courier.

Another Quartz Discovery.

Mr. A. Shaw, ticket agent of the E. & N. R. R., at Nanaimo, has just returned from a prospecting tour on the island, and reports the discovery of quartz ledges about 10 miles from the Nanaimo Lakes in a densely wooded and very rough district. The ledges are situated on the banks of a small stream leading into the South Fork of Englishman's River; they are well defined, and about 36 inches wide. The specimens brought to Nanaimo by Mr. Shaw look very rich, and samples have been sent to Dr. Bredemeyer at Vancouver for assay.

Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Steamers arriving last evening brought a large number of delegates to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to be opened in the Masonic Hall at two o'clock this afternoon. Steamer and train to-day will further augment the number. The session will be opened in due and ancient form by Grand Master A. L. Milne, and business at once proceeded with. In the evening the Grand Lodge members will be banqueted at the Delmonico by the subordinate lodges of this city. On Sunday morning the G. L. will assemble at the hall at 10:30, o'clock for the purpose of attending divine service at St. John's church, to be conducted by R. W. Bro. Bishop Sillitoe of Westminster. The session will again be resumed on Monday morning and will close during the afternoon. The attendance will probably be the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge of this province.

Drowned in the Straits.

On Tuesday last, C. W. Shaffer, M. Nicholin and the latter's brother-in-law, left Port Angeles for Port Townsend, where Nicholin intended to purchase a stock of goods with which to open a restaurant at Port Angeles, and brought with him $800 in coin and currency. They left that place in a small Whitehall sailboat. All, no doubt, went well until off Point Ruggle, where the ebb tide struck the boat and carried it out on the straits, where the huge waves shortly upset the boat, throwing Nicholin and his brother-in-law out. On Wednesday morning the boat was picked up by the steamer Virginia. Shaffer's body was in the boat, his feet entangled in the rope and his head and shoulders in the water. Nicholin was a married man with several children, and the fact of his having several hundred dollars in silver on his person makes it possible that his body will never be recovered.

Drake's Magazine.

Drake's Magazine for June has its usual timely frontespiece, a delicately-engraved picture, entitled "Goin' In Wadin'" "Shipwrecks off Cape Cod," by Morton Small, Illustrated by F. C. Drake, is the opening article, and a most readable one; Lieut. H. D. Smith contributes a powerful story, "At the Risk of His Life;" "A Lost American Republic," is a curious paper by Almont Barnes, LL.B., giving a sketch of the first republic in the new world, that of "The Missions" in South America; Zenas Dane's "At a Church Fair," is very clever; "Pipes," by John S. Gibbs, will be read with much interest by smokers—the article is illustrated; "Down in the Grass," is a capital story of Western life by Will Lisenbee; the poetry in this number is contributed by Frank L. Batchelder, David A. Curtis and Milton A. Murdock, and is well worth reading; "Our Fisherman's Club" is a short story of unusual merit; "Slang from Mexico," by Arthur Howard Noll, is an interesting tracing of many American slang words to a Mexican or Spanish origin; Myra Clark Gaines' life, told by S. E. Archer, is a true romance, never paralleled in fiction; "The Little Brown School-House," by Paul Pastnor, will strike a sympathetic chord in many a heart; "The Painted Feather" is a thrilling South Sea adventure by T. C. Harbaugh; M. C. Williams' "Jackson's Love Test" is a humorous backwoods yarn told in dialect; Dr. Oswald's "Current Science" is as usual interesting, and "Jottings" hit the head of the nail as squarely as ever; as for "Quacks," American humor never was seen to better advantage, literary and pictorial.—DRAKE'S MAGAZINE costs $1 a year, or 10 cents a copy. DRAKE PUBLISHING Co., No. 21 Park Row, New York City.

Music at the Park.

By the kind permission of the commandant and the officers of C Battery, R. C. A., the band will play the following programme on Beacon Hill this afternoon from 3 till 5 p. m., under the direction of R. Proctor, Band Sergeant:

Quick March...."La Sonambula"...Bellini
Overture....."Primrose"....Bressant
Valse..."Nearing the Harbor"..Prendiville
Selection..."Orpheeaux Enfers"..Offenbach
Hungarian Dance.....Labitzky
Galop....."Legacy".....Aglus
Vive La Canadienne.
God Save the Queen.

The Crocker Party.

Col. Chas. F. Crocker, vice-president of the E. & N. Railway; Geo. Crocker, H. E. Scott, treasurer of the Southern Pacific; R. J. Wilson and W. E. Brown, comprising the Crocker party, arrived by the Sound steamer last night and are at the Driard. The party will remain in Victoria until to-morrow when, accompanied by Alex. Dunsmuir, president of the Island railway, and James Dunsmuir, president of the Union Colliery Co., they will proceed by train to Departure Bay, and will there board the steamer Princess Louise, which will be in waiting to convey them to Union Bay. After an inspection of the mines and the railway and wharves, the party will return to Victoria on Tuesday.

Insurance Money Attached.

A New York despatch says: The New York creditors of Tokias Singerman & Co., dealers in drygoods at Seattle, W. T., who were burned out on the 6th inst with loss on stock estimated at $210,000 and insurance $125,000, are trying to attach the insurance money. Attachments have been served by her supreme court to the ammount of $43,431. The sheriff has served an attachment on about twenty-five insurance companies of this city. Most of them are foreign companies, who claim that they only adjust losses this side of the Rocky Mountains, and that all the Pacific Coast losses are adjusted in San Francisco. The creditors at the latter city, it is said, have attached all the insurance money. The statement to Bradstreet's showed assets of $369,753; liabilities, $192,206.

President Van Horne in Seattle.

W. C. Van Horne, while in Seattle on Wednesday, said to a Times representative: "I am greatly pleased and surprised with the energy shown by the citizens of Seattle. They are going to work in the right spirit, and it will be only a short time before your city will be rebuilt larger and finer than it was before the fire. It will be busier and even more prosperous than it has been in the past. I feel perfectly confident that the extension of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern will undoubtedly be completed and in running order by the first of the year. They will undoubtedly put large gangs to work in a short time. Work on our branch—the Mission—is well advanced and will be accomplished in good time. When this connection is made Seattle will be really the western terminus of our road in the United States."

The Defaulting Clerk.

Deputy Marshal Cady arrived from Tacoma last evening armed with the necessary warrant for the arrest of William Foster, the defaulting clerk of Gale, Sawyer & Co., of that city. Foster agreed to return without putting his employers to the trouble of getting out extradition papers. The prisoner acknowledged yesterday to endorsing one of the checks, the amount being $250. He claimed that he was on his way back to Tacoma. Foster makes the third individual returned to the Tacoma authorities—Henry Wade, and another named Anderson, were captured on Monday and sent back with a Tacoma officer on Tuesday morning. They were charged with robbery from the person of a lady to the amount of $100. Chief Sheppard and his staff are a terror to foreign criminals, who will soon refrain from making for Victoria.

Found Dead in Bed.

James Ward, an old resident of this city, was found dead in bed at his residence near Beacon Hill, yesterday morning. Deceased had been infirm for some years past, but appeared to be no worse than usual on Thursday night. He told a friend that he felt like taking a glass of liquor, and after he had drank the liquor he complained of feeling unwell. Yesterday morning Mr. Alex. Cameron, a close friend of the deceased, failed to notice smoke issuing from the chimney of deceased's cottage, and on visiting the place he found Mr. Ward lying dead in bed. Deceased was a native of England, and was aged about 72 years. He made a good living in his little farm near the park, and saved considerable money. He was also employed as park-keeper until failing health forced him to relinquish the position. His estate is valued at about $7,000, which he repeatedly said he intended to leave to a young lady friend in England. In the cottage were found bank books, certificates of deposit, mortgages, and other documents of value. The funeral will take place from Mr. Chas. Hayward's undertaking rooms, to-morrow afternoon.

The Gem of Public Parks.

When the board of aldermen get through with the work of improvement at Beacon Hill park, Victoria will have without any exception the finest public park on the continent. Just now the workmen are busy excavating for a new lake, to cover about four acres, which will extend along the new road, from the city end of the park to the residence of Mr. Leich. This new lake will be studded with flower-covered islands, stocked with swans and other fancy water fowl, and provided with a gondola of regular Venetian style. The usual rustic seats and fountains will also be provided in abundance. As the water is to be found within a few inches of the surface all the year round it is thought that the winter rains will provide the lake with sufficient bottom water all the year. A stream carrying the water from "Alderman Lake" above will keep this water always fresh. The new road will shortly be opened, being a direct continuation of Churchway. It is to be 80 feet wide, with a double row of trees and a plank walk on each side. The aviary which has been built on the sunny side of the deer park, is now ready for the reception of native birds. After the feathered captives become too large for the big cage, their wings are to be clipped and they will be turned loose in the deer park. Taking everything into consideration, the park committee are working well, and the people see and recognize it.

MARINE.

Ship Kennebec will be towed to Nanaimo to-day.

Steamer Daisy went over to Chemainus yesterday.

The American tug Mastick is in the dock at Esquimalt.

Tug Lottie took the schooner C. H. Tupper to Vancouver yesterday.

Steamer Falcon left for Vancouver yesterday with a scow load of 100,000 bricks from Coughlan & Mason.

The steamer City of Puebla arrived from San Francisco with a full passenger list and over 200 tons of Victoria freight, last night.

The steamer Idaho arrived from Portland last evening, and after discharging cargo at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf, sailed for Nanaimo, Vancouver and New Westminster.

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CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M.)

William Miller, who was on Wednesday sent to jail for one month for being drunk, again stood up in the dock yesterday to answer to a similar charge. William had obtained sufficient cash to pay his fine and secure his liberty, and forthwith got drunk again. His honor gave him seasonable counsel, advised him to mend his ways, and again fined him $5.

Capt. John Irving, manager of the C. P. N. Co's steamers, was charged by Henry Morgan, a sailor on the Islander, with having taken him to sea before any articles were signed. The case was adjourned until Monday.

Isaac Bechtel, summoned by one Sydney Holbrook, a cook, who claimed that Mr. Bechtel had assaulted him. Holbrook appeared in court with a pair of black eyes.

Defendant, represented by Mr. Chas. Wilson, pleaded not guilty.

The plaintiff took the stand and swore—On Wednesday morning went into Mr. Haynes' store with a message from Port Townsend. Defendant came into the store and knocked me down, beating me badly; onlookers tried to stop the fight, but defendant said I deserved all I was getting, and defendant kept on until he got tired.

By Mr. Wilson—Was not trying to avoid the defendant at the time; did not have any conversation with the defendant; do not know that he had any cause to ill-treat me; will swear I do not; left his employ about two months ago; went to Portland awhile back and saw Mrs. Bechtel there; the reason given when I was discharged, was that myself and Mrs. Bechtel were causing trouble; when in Portland went to different places; was at first in Port Townsend; never received any letters from her; I wrote her a letter after a conversation I had with the defendant, who told me if I was any man at all I would look after her; met Mrs. Bechtel purely by accident, and not on account of any communications received from her; after we met took a walk around town and dined together in a private room.

By his honor—Mr. Haynes saw the assault committed; was cook for the defendant at the Vancouver house for a time; eighteen months ago worked there, and got acquainted with Mrs. Bechtel; defendant intimated that we were too intimate when he discharged me; when we were in Portland, we were together from noon till about 5 in the afternoon; were not above half an hour in the private room; can not understand why he assaulted me; believe I have a right to speak to an acquaintance; perhaps I ought not to have spoken to her, but did not think it was wrong at the time; have not seen her, but believe she is in Victoria just now; even if he had a cause, do not think he had any right to take the law into his own hands; never was in any way intimate with Mrs. Bechtel, merely friendly and nothing more.

Isaac Bechtel, defendant, sworn, said—I am an hotelkeeper; have been married eleven years; plaintiff had been in my employ a while back; discharged him because of certain things I had seen; in order to remove my wife from the influence of the plaintiff had sent her to Portland; she was well supplied with money; plaintiff followed there; my wife had promised to reform, and I told her I would sell the property here and we would start again in some other part of the world and smooth things over; the morning of the assault my plaintiff lifting his hat to my wife, who was in her bedroom; I followed plaintiff into a baker's shop and hit him in the face; after the assault plaintiff again came around the house.

Plaintiff denied this, and also asserted that he was not aware that Mrs. Bechtel was in the town; was not in Portland after Mrs. Bechtel.

Henry Bates, sworn, said: Know both parties in this case; have conversed with the plaintiff about Mrs. Bechtel; the nature of it was to the effect that he had kicked up a row, but would make more before he was done; understood defendant had paid plaintiff a full month's salary in order to get rid of him.

Plaintiff on oath contradicted the statement that he had been around the Vancouver House since the row, or that he had known that Mrs. Bechtel was in the town.

His honor said it was quite evident that there had been trouble over the plaintiff.

Bates, recalled, held to his assertion that plaintiff had said that he would make more trouble. While staying at the hotel witness had noticed Mrs. Bechtel and plaintiff talking a great deal together.

His honor said it appeared that defendant had committed an assault, and claimed justification; no positive proof of this was forthcoming, but from the way things had gone there was cause for the assault. It was highly improper and wicked to attempt to alienate the affections of a married woman; a man was almost ready to take the law into his own hands, no matter what the penalty, sometimes even going as far as murder; the plaintiff in this case had broken up a happy home, and then followed the woman when she had been sent away to get her out of his influence, and when she came back, had again followed her here; the husband had no right, though, to take the law into his own hands, and although he had done so, it had evidently been under provocation, and a fine of $1 would be imposed. His honor then advised the plaintiff to get out of the country; as it would be better for all parties.

LICENSING COURT.

(Before Mayor Grant, Justice Richards and Alderman Harrison).

An adjourned meeting of the Licensing Court was held at noon on Friday.

His worship said in respect to the petition of Mr. Fox for a license in Carey's building, the court considered that the question was an important one, and it would be necessary to adjourn to hear arguments respecting the qualifications of Chinese householders.

Mr. Richards said the question of the qualifications of Chinese as householders should be argued. The decision on this case should establish a precedent for the future guidance of the Licensing Court. The decision arrived at might be overruled by the Supreme Court. According to the Act, Chinese are prevented from voting, and it was a question whether the Chinese householders and freeholders in the locality where the license is applied for are competent to sign a petition for or against the granting of a new license.

His worship said the city barrister and Mr. Hall might state their views against granting the license, and Mr. Davie might argue in favor of granting the license.

Mr. Hall considered that a week should be granted to look into the authorities on the question.

Mr. Carey considered that the court might meet on Tuesday next.

The court decided to adjourn until Friday next.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Vice-Admiral Grant, C. B., will take charge of the Y. M. C. A. meeting this evening.

A grass fire near the custom house was the cause of an alarm being turned in at noon yesterday. The fire was quickly extinguished.

The high school picnic which takes place to-day will come off at Cordova Bay, and not at Craigflower as previously decided on.

The private boxes in the Delmonico have been removed to make room for the Masonic banquet to be held there this evening. Arrangements have been made to seat 250 guests.

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THE FISGARD STREET TRAGEDY.

Another Chapter in the History of Yow Cum's Death—Suicide of Mah Kee.

When Mr. Charles Pagden, proprietor of the hotel at Victoria gardens, went out to his stables Saturday morning, he was startled, and just a little bit terrified, by the sight of a human body dangling from one of the beams. The body he recognized at once as being that of a Chinaman calling himself Ah Kee, who had been in his employ for a couple of weeks. Life had been extinct for some time, as the body was quite cold and stiff. Summoning assistance, Mr. Pagden soon had it cut down, and shortly afterwards the provincial police, who had been notified, arrived and took it into their charge. An inquest was held at eleven o'clock by Coroner Jackson and a jury, who, after viewing the body and hearing the unimportant evidence that was to be obtained in regard to the finding of the corpse, returned a verdict of suicide.

Suicide it very evidently was, as the position of several articles in the stable showed as plainly as circumstantial evidence can, just how the deed was committed. The rope was one left in the stable, to which the dead Chinaman had access. It had been tied around the neck with the knot in front, as if by the dead man himself; and underneath the body, or only a few feet away on the floor, was an empty cask, upon which the Chinaman had evidently stood while he arranged the noose, and then kicked it from under his feet.

Mr. Pagden knew very little about the dead man. He had not been working for him long, but his actions during the short time he had been employed were very peculiar. He expressed a great terror of strangers, and was in the habit of remarking, "They looking for me,—say me belly bad man." Mr. Pagden was inclined to interpret his half intelligible talk as the ravings of a somewhat unsettled mind. The Chinaman was industrious and obedient, however, and he therefore paid very little attention to him.

Since the tragedy yesterday, additional light has been thrown upon the personality of the dead man by his Chinese friends, and it now appears that his name was not Ah Kee but Mah Kee, and he was the man whom the police were looking for in connection with the murder of the Chinese girl Yow Cum.

His death re-opens the tragedy of Fisgard street, which was supposed to have been closed by the conviction and death of Chau Ah Heung. From the words of Mah