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A LODGE OF SORROW.

Solemn Masonic Ceremonies Performed for the First Time in British Columbia.

The Temple Packed With Sympathising Brethren and Friends of Departed Masons.

On Sunday afternoon the Masonic Temple presented a very solemn appearance, and over all was a shroud of gloom quite unfamiliar to those who "meet upon the level and part upon the square," and whose "labors" are labors of love, not of sorrow.

Four very earnest brethren have passed away within a few months, and the records of the local lodges have never before shown such a death rate within so limited a time. Two of the departed were carried to "the Lodge above" during the smallpox epidemic, while another popular couple of the craft died at sea—the one being consigned to the deep. The circumstances under which the brethren were summoned induced the craft to hold the first "lodge of sorrow" ever convened in British Columbia.

As sorrow is not peculiar to man, it was decided that lady sympathizers with the brethren should be admitted, and for the first time very many of the fair sex were passed within the mystic portals of a Masonic lodge.

The lodge room was crowded with brethren and their lady friends, and very many who secured even standing space, considered themselves fortunate. Heavily draped in black, the spacious hall looked what it purported to be—a house of sorrow, and the deep mourning of mostly all who entered within its precincts gave the outward and visible sign of that inward and spiritual grace which prompted their presence.

The lodge-room was appropriately draped in black, the several stations being shrouded in the same significant tone. On the Master's pedestal was placed a skull and lighted taper, while in the centre was that insigna of death and mourning—a catafalque—a rectangular platform about six feet long by four wide, and on which were two smaller platforms, representing the three degrees. On the third step was placed an urn, over which was a canopy of black. At each corner of the catafalque was placed a candlestick bearing a lighted taper, and near these, facing the east, were seated brethren. On the catafalque were placed white gloves, lambskin aprons, and the insignia of the offices of the deceased brethren. Over the shield in memory of Bro. W. Brown, were the jewels of office and insignia of the Senior Warden of Victoria Columbia Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, and Recorder of Westminster Preceptory, K. T. of Canada. The late Brother M. W. Waitt had placed over his shield certain insignia which to the initiated marked his memory as that of a Past master of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, and P. G. Treasurer of the G. L. of B. C. Bros. W. H. Payne and Caleb McDougall, of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge were duly memorialized.

The several officers being in their places, and the brethren being present, the worshipful Masters, Bros. B. Williams (Victoria-Columbia) and J. E. Phillips (Vancouver-Quadra) addressed the brethren, asking—

"For what purpose are we assembled?"

Promptly came the significant answer from the Senior Warden, Bro. H. Waller:

"To honor the memory of those brethren whom death has taken from us; to contemplate our own approaching dissolution; and by the remembrance of immortality, to raise our souls above the considerations of this transitory existence."

Addressing the Junior Warden the Worshipful Master asked:

"What sentiments should inspire the souls of Masons on occasions like this?"

The answer was: "Calm sorrow for the absence of our brethren who have gone before us; earnest solicitude for our own eternal welfare, and a firm faith and reliance upon the wisdom and goodness of God."

"Commending these sentiments," continued the Worshipful Master, "to your earnest consideration, and invoking your assistance in the solemn ceremonies about to take place, I declare this lodge of sorrow opened."

The Chaplain, Rev. W. D. Barber, then offered up prayer, after which all joined in the singing of the hymn.

Brethren, thou art gone to rest;
We will not weep for thee;
For thou art now where oft on earth
Thy spirit longed to be.

Brethren, thou art gone to rest;
Thy toils and cares are o'er;
And sorrow, pain and suffering, now,
Shall ne'er distress thee more.

Brethren, thou art gone to rest;
And this shall be our prayer,
That, when we reach our journey's end,
Thy glory we shall share.

Then the Worshipful Master, taking the skull in his hand, thus addressed the brethren:

"In the midst of life we are in death, and the wisest cannot know what a day may bring forth. We live but to see those we love passing away into the silent land. Behold this emblem of mortality, once the abode of a spirit like our own; beneath this mouldering canopy once shone the bright and busy eye; within this hollow cavern once played the ready, swift and tuneful tongue; and now, sightless and mute, it is eloquent only in the impressive lesson it teaches. Think of the brethren who, but a few days since, were among us in all the pride and power of life; bring to your minds the remembrance of their wisdom, their strength and their beauty; and then reflect that 'to this condition have they come at last;' think of yourselves, thus will you be when the lamp of your brief existence has burned out. Think how soon death, for you, will be a reality. Man's life is like a flower, which blooms to-day, and to-morrow is faded, cast aside and trodden under foot.

"Centuries upon centuries have rolled away behind us; before us stretches an eternity of years to come; and on the narrow boundary between the past and the present flickers the puny taper we term our life. Only through the eye of faith can we behold what is to come hereafter, and only through a firm reliance upon the Divine promises can we satisfy the yearnings of an immortal soul. The cradle speaks to us of remembrance—the coffin of hope, of a blessed trust in a never-ending existence beyond the gloomy portals of the tomb. When God sends his angel with the scroll of death—of our death, let us meet it with the fortitude of men, and with Christian resignation lay down our head softly and go to sleep, without lamentation. To bear grief temperately, and to die willingly and nobly, are the duties of a good man and true Mason."

At the conclusion of another hymn the chaplain read the funeral service, after which there was profound silence for several moments, and 12 strokes were slowly given on the gong. The tapers were extinguished, and again solemn prayer was offered up.

The Junior Warden, approaching the catafalque and placing upon it a bunch of white flowers said: "In memory of our departed brethren I deposit these white flowers, emblematical of that pure life to which they have been called, and reminding us that as these children of an hour will droop and fade away, so, too, we shall soon follow those who have gone before us, and inciting us so to fill the brief span of our existence that we may leave to our survivors a sweet savor of remembrance."

The chaplain continued the funeral service, and as he pronounced the concluding words, "O grave, where is thy victory?" the lights were raised to brilliancy, the brethren seated around the catafalque relighting their tapers, and the chaplain having retired to the east, a lively ode was rendered.

The closing ceremony was equally impressive, the Worshipful Master exhorting all to "profit by the admonitions of this solemn occasion, lay to heart the truths to which we have listened, and resolve so to walk that when we lay us down to the last sleep, it may be the privilege of the brethren to strew white flowers upon our graves and keep our memories as a pleasant remembrance."

THE PROVINCIAL FAIR.

Unfavorable Weather Interfered Somewhat With the Attendance on the Closing Day.

General Approval of the Proposal to Change the Time of Holding the Show.

The Provincial Exhibition came to a close last evening. The fifth day proved a disappointment, threatened rain interfering with the attendance, which was the smallest yet. Those who were present, however, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, in viewing the fine collection of exhibits, listening to the cheerful music of the band, or watching the horse racing, which, as will be seen from the report elsewhere, proved very interesting indeed.

The paying of prizes commenced yesterday, and the treasurer, Mr. G. A. McTavish, was consequently very fully employed. The exhibitors as a whole are well pleased with their experience on the grounds, and it is safe to say that the consideration shown for their comfort this year, will have a good effect upon the next exhibition.

The proceedings at the annual meeting, fully recorded in the COLONIST of yesterday, were the subject of general conversation, and the determination to change the date of holding the fair in future to early in August, seemed to meet with hearty approval on all sides. The force of the objection urged against the present date, that the Association are at the mercy of the weather, was well illustrated at this exhibition, sunshine and shower alternating with provoking uncertainty. Tuesday, when the judging was in progress, and the public were not admitted, was perhaps the finest of the week. Wednesday, rain put an effectual damper upon the formal opening proceedings. Thursday, the most important, was fortunately all that could be desired in the matter of weather, and Friday also was well favored. But yesterday, which the half holiday and the attractions offered should have made the second in importance, was effectually spoiled by the threatened rain, though the actual fall was not heavy. "We have to trust to luck," said one director, speaking on the subject, "and this year the luck has been against us. All connected with the Association have done their best, and we have made the exhibition an artistic success, if it is not financially what might have been expected."

Last evening the Victoria City Band gave the last of the series of pleasant concerts which have added so much to the enjoyment of all visitors.

The work of removing the live stock commenced in the afternoon, and by nightfall the sheds were depopulated. The remainder of the exhibits will be removed on Monday, and the work of ridding up the place will be immediately proceeded with. By the close of the week the sixteenth annual exhibition of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will have become a thing of the past, and an object of happy memory to the great body of those associated with the undertaking.

FALSE CERTIFICATES.

Cholera Was Known to Be in Hamburg, Yet Vessels Were Allowed to Clear.

BERLIN, Oct. 3.—The allegations of the American vice-consul at Hamburg, that the Hamburg Senate concealed the existence of cholera in that city, thus leading him to give false certificates of the health of the steamship Moravia, and other vessels, are attracting wide attention. The vice-consul's statement, which was drawn out by the New York Sun's censure of that official for culpable negligence, is being made the basis of numerous demands for an official investigation of the conduct of the Hamburg authorities. The National Zeitung is the latest influential journal to join in this demand, and in an editorial today criticizes the conduct of the officials. The whole nation, in fact the whole civilized world, it holds, looks for a clearing up of this disgraceful matter.

A Family Friend.

SIRS,—I have used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry in my family for years and can highly recommend it for summer complaint, diarrhœa, cramps, etc.

MRS. GEO. WEST, Huntsville, Ont.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Boring for Water in the Kamloops District—Mr. Mara's Luscious Peaches.

A Gathering of Christian Indians—Anglican Consecration Services at Chemainus.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

Argus McDonald, the boy arrested for burglary, has been committed for trial, Bell was remanded, and further charges will be preferred against him.

The anniversary services in the Princess street Methodist church were largely attended yesterday and a prosperous year for the congregation was reported.

C. D. Rand returned from Tacoma on Sunday evening, having completed negotiations for the construction and operation of the Burrard Inlet & Fraser Valley Railway. It is likely the engineers will commence work on the line in 30 days.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—Oct. 3.—Eight carloads of canned salmon from the Northern canneries were shipped to-day to London and Toronto.

The Indians report that wild cranberries are very scarce this year, and there is a small prospect of more than half the usual quantity being marketed.

A good deal of game has reached the city during the last few days, one firm receiving over 200 brace of grouse and ducks. Most of the supply comes from up-river points, principally the Harrison River.

The Langly municipal council have refused to admit the two-and-a-half mile belt, lying between the southern boundary of the municipality and the international line. The people living in the belt feel disappointed at thus being left out.

This morning the McGillivray pipe works shipped to Lytton a cargo of steel pipe, consigned to the Rip Van Winkle Gold Syndicate. This is the third shipment by the works to the syndicate, for which they are making over a mile of pipe for hydraulicing.

There are only four canneries on the river engaged in packing cohoe salmon, and up to the present the combined pack amounts to slightly over 6,000 cases. The pack will probably amount to 20,000 cases by the end of the next three weeks, when the canneries will shut down.

Thomas McMillan, who maimed a number of cattle at Hall's Prairie, last month, was found guilty in the County Court, today, and remanded for medical examination, as he is believed to be insane.

Cota, the wife beater, pleaded guilty and was dismissed to appear for sentence when called on.

Ernest H. Roome and Charles H. Bonner, the high flying bank clerks, who stole between them $12,000, are this evening arrayed in new clothes, black and brown striped and occupy cells in the penitentiary. They came up for sentence this morning before Judge Bole, in the Criminal Court, and got three years each. The judge scored them unmercifully, pointing out that they were worse than common criminals in many ways, and richly deserved the 14 years allowed by law. But he would temper justice with mercy, hoping their sentences would be sufficient to deter them from dishonesty in the future. Then the pair were handcuffed together and led away. They took the sentence unmoved.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Oct. 3.—The Customs returns for the month of September show import duties $3,340.71; sick mariners' dues, $500.56; miscellaneous, $51; total, $3,892.77. The goods imported free amounted to $717; dutiable goods, $10,139; the value of goods ex warehoused free, was $161; for exportation, $269.

The Cedar District agricultural show was postponed on account of a smallpox tramp being through the district.

The bark McNear is now without a crew. They became unruly on account of trouble among Union and Non-Union men. The captain tried to settle the dispute but failed. He then paid them all off.

The funeral of Peter Sabiston, yesterday, was the largest seen in the city for many years.

DUNCAN'S.

DUNCAN'S, Oct 1.—The greater number of the Cowichan visitors have returned from the Victoria Agricultural and Industrial Show, with glowing accounts of everything they saw, except the weather.

A. C. Fraser's logging camp, at Cowichan lake, closed down this week for the winter season.

The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company have a large force of teams and workmen on the Cowichan river, engaged in constructing a dam of crib-work loaded with brush and rock, and other work designed to protect the railway bridge over the river at Duncan's during floods.

Salmon are very plentiful in Cowichan bay and river.

Miss Lomas left here on Thursday for England, *via* the Canadian Pacific Railway, after an extended visit to her brother, Indian Agent Lomas, at Quamichan.

Clermont Livingstone, wife and family, have taken up their residence recently purchased from Mrs. Milner Watson, on the Cowichan Flats.

C. J. Leggatt and other Victorians are enjoying (weather permitting) a short vacation on Shawnigan lake.

T. B. Shaw returned to Cowichan on Thursday last, after a visit of several months in Illinois and other states across the border.

The Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Show, at Duncan's on Saturday next, 8th inst., will comprise the usual excellent programme. The classes for horses, cattle and sheep are expected to be well filled, the settlement having made a very considerable advance in the acquisition of thoroughbred stock during the last two or three years. Roots and fruits, notwithstanding a partial failure in the latter crop, promise to be of the quality and size for which the district has long been famous. Foot and horse-racing will take place during the afternoon. The Kuper Island (Indian boys) band has been specially engaged to give additional life to the proceedings. Fine weather and numerous entries, which, by the way, should be sent in to the secretary, H. E. Boulton, Duncan's, on or before the 7th inst., are all that is required to make the affair a success.

CHEMAINUS.

On Friday last, the 30th September, the Lord Bishop of the diocese visited this district for the purpose of consecrating the church and churchyard.

The Bishop, who came up by the morning train from Victoria, was accompanied by the Archdeacon and Rev. W. H. P. Arden; and Rev. David Holmes, incumbent of the district, joined the party at Duncan's station. Rev. R. J. Roberts, of Kuper Island, and Rev. E. G. Miller, of Cedar district, Nanaimo, were also present.

The train stopped at the river bridge, close to the little church, and the Bishop, on alighting, was met by many of the inhabitants of the district, who had assembled to take part in the interesting ceremony. Services have been held for many years in this church, and several interments have taken place in the cemetery, but neither had been consecrated. The present energetic incumbent was determined that this should be done before the departure of the Bishop. The necessary furniture (some articles of which had hitherto been wanting) were therefore provided for the church, and the cemetery was neatly and securely fenced in, and Friday morning found everything complete and in order for the consecration services.

The Bishop and clergy having robed in the vestry, walked in procession down to the church door, where they were met by the incumbent and churchwardens.

The petition for the consecration of the church was presented by Mr. Mainguy, and, having been read, was assented to by His Lordship, who then proceeded to the east end of the church, followed by the clergy, repeating in alternate verses the 24th Psalm. Special prayers were then offered, and the sentence of consecration was read and signed upon the altar by the Bishop.

The consecration of the churchyard followed, and was of a similar character. The petition was presented at the entrance gate, and the whole congregation walked in the procession round the cemetery.

Matins and the celebration of the Holy Communion followed, in which all the clergy present took part, the sermon being preached by the Bishop, who took occasion to speak words of encouragement to the minister and congregation of All Saints', Chemainus.

The organ was played by Mrs. Holmes, the much-esteemed wife of the incumbent, whose family also supplied a very efficient choir.

After the service a sumptuous lunch was spread under the trees.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Sentinel.)

The Government having decided to discontinue boring for water across the river from Kamloops, offered its outfit for sale by tender, but as none was received at a reasonable valuation, it has been stored on the vacant lot behind the Government buildings. It is a valuable plant, and is worth $3,000. Thus for the present ends the experiment undertaken by the Government to find water by well-boring in the Thompson river valley. The Kamloops well was sunk 1,000 feet, but no water found below 26 feet. The boring has been exceedingly hard, at no time more than 13 feet was made in a day, while near the bottom only two to three feet. At Martin's the well is 1,440 feet deep and is a flowing one, but no water was found below 512 feet. This appeared to come from a crack in the rock, caused by recent volcanic action. At Ashcroft the well is located 1,000 feet above the level of the river, and was sunk 810 feet, the water being fund at a depth of 127 feet, and rises within 85 feet of the surface. The rock there was very soft, the drill making 170 feet in one day. The water in neither of these wells is suitable for domestic purposes, being more or less alkaline in character. Mr. Morrison, the superintendent of the boring operations, advised the Government that the prospect of obtaining water was very doubtful, and owing to the hardness of the rock, the work was unusually expensive, and it was decided therefore to stop the work. At a depth of 65 feet a vein of free milling gold quartz was found, 1½ to 3 feet in thickness, and it was hoped that a vein of coal might be struck, but none was found. Mr. Morrison has conducted this work to the entire satisfaction of the Government, his long experience and skill qualifying him to prosecute it successfully.

Among the fruit growing in Mr. Mara's garden in this town, is a peach tree which arrived by mail from the State of New York three summers ago, since which time it has attained a height of over 10 feet and a circumference of about nine inches near the ground. It was obtained from J. L. Childs, of Floral Park. This spring it exhibited a beautiful appearance, being covered with a mass of lovely pink blossoms before the leaves came out. Most of the fruit when of small size was plucked, to prevent the tree from being weakened by overbearing. About four dozen were left to mature, which arrived at a state of perfection in point of size and flavor only equalled by the choicest eastern varieties, and much superior to the peaches grown on the coast. It was Mr. Mara's intention to forward a dozen of these peaches to the exhibition at Victoria, but they were considered too ripe to admit of reaching there in a suitable condition.

Mr. James McEvoy, of the Dominion survey, has completed, it is understood, his survey of the Shuswap district. He spent some time at Scheidam flat, behind Mount St. Paul, and pursued his explorations as far east as Griffin Lake in Eagle Pass.

The Okanagan Sawmill Co. are making arrangements to rebuild their mill destroyed by fire a short time ago.

J. N. J. Brown, of Empire Valley, has sold his ranch to the B. C. Cattle Co., and will give full possession when he finishes cutting the hay.

Wentworth F. Wood states that an agent of the Swansea Smelting works, has solicited a test shipment of ten tons of Mosquito Flat ore to be forwarded from Vancouver by sea.

Leases have been granted for placer mining in the Granite Creek district to the following named persons, who have each 160 acres on the Similkameen: J. M. Murphy, Mr. Smith, A. E. McDougal, Alex. McDougal, Charles Hope, R. W. Allison, J. F. Allison, B. A. McDougal. On the Tulameen, Rankin & Lyon and H. Richardson have each 160 acres, and Robert Stevenson has a lease on Granite creek of 160 acres. These leases are taken by residents in the locality, and show their confidence in the district. The recent sale of the Tulameen Hydraulic Co.'s property to an English syndicate has encouraged the miners in that district.

The Kamloops Coal Co. have got in this week from their mine on the North Thompson, some splendid samples of coal. J. D. Robson and J. D. Latremouille returned last Monday from the mine bringing with them one piece weighing 600 pounds and another of 250 pounds. It was originally a solid block of 1300 pounds, but got broken up in handling, as it had to be moved one mile from the tunnel to the river landing on a stone boat, and from there to Kamloops on a raft, two large pieces being left on the landing. The Company intend bringing down this fall two hundred tons of coal for Kamloops consumption.

The great gathering of Christian Indians at Kamloops has been in convocation on the reserve across the river. Delegations began to come as early as last Monday, three car loads arriving from Shuswap that evening. The Fountain or Lillooet Band came in on horseback. On Wednesday large numbers arrived on the train which brought Rt. Rev. Bishop Durieu from New Westminster, accompanied by the SeShelt Brass Band. On Thursday, at 2 p.m., a great procession crossed from the Reserve, headed by the SeShelt band, and escorted the Right Rev. Bishop to the reserve, where a capacious tent had been erected for the religious ceremonies, and where he was welcomed by the chief of the band in an address through an interpreter. On Friday evening, at 8 p.m., there was a procession and representation of the Passion. On Saturday, at 9 p.m., the Passion in tableaux; at 7:30 p.m., torchlight procession. On Sunday, at 10 p.m., Pontifical Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Kamloops; at 3 p.m., procession of Blessed Sacrament, Indian reserve; 7:30 p.m., torchlight procession. On Monday (yesterday) at 6:30 a.m., Pontifical Mass, at reserve, when the Sacrament of Confirmation and Communion was administered.

KOOTENAY.

(From the Revelstoke Star.)

Owing to the melting of the snow which fell in the mountains last week the waters of the Columbia rose about seven feet one night, and carried away the framework of the scow which was being built on the beach near the schoolhouse.

J. D. McDonald arrived up from the Slocan on Wednesday with some fine specimens from three claims—the Lake View, the Dominion and the Young Canadian. The samples include galena-silver, gold quartz and black sulphides. Assays of ores from the Dominion went over 200 oz. and Young Canadian 550 oz. per ton.

A. H. Holdich, who was for 17 years chief analyst to the Wigan (Eng.) Coal Co., and for over seven years assayer at the Morfa Works, Swansea, Wales, has commenced business as assayer in Revelstoke.

A meeting of miners was held at Illecillewaet on Thursday night to discuss the working of the Mineral Act. After discussion it was proposed by Capt. Banfield and resolved unanimously, "That a committee be appointed to draft a petition to the Legislative Assembly praying them to repeal the present act and re-enact the old laws of 1891." The meeting was almost unanimous in the opinion that the owner of a mining location should have the right to follow his lode in all its dips, spurs and angles.

THE LARDEAU.

(From the Kootenay Star.)

P. M. Walker, Hugh Ross, F. W. Robinson and Andrew Parks arrived up from the Lardeau on Wednesday's boat. They bring the news of a fine discovery of mineral by Mr. Thomas Horne near the head of Lardeau Creek, who has named it the "Horne Ledge." It is from 20 to 30 feet wide, with an iron cap. Nine claims are already located on it, all showing excellent mineral. They are: Canadian Girl, by R. B. Horne; Iron Horse, by J. Neagle; Celtic, by Archie McDonald; Horne Silver King, by T. Horne; Black Horse, by R. Connell and W. Cowan; Centre Star, by T. Edwards; North Star, by F. B. Wells; Rob Roy, by H. Ross; and Highland Chief, by L. McDonald. The creek cuts the Rob Roy to a depth of 20 feet, and the face of the rock shows solid galena 20 feet in width, the remainder being hematite iron and quartz, which is believed to carry a fair percentage of gold.

Walker, Holden & Downs have had several offers for the Silver Cup mine, one in the neighborhood of $20,000.

Mr. Parks recorded a claim on Thursday, called the Haley, near the head of Haley Creek, which he says shows up well, the ledge being 30 feet in width and carrying gold and silver. He brought samples.

Eli Carpenter and partner have located three claims on the west shore of Trout lake.

PILOT BAY.

PILOT BAY, Sept. 29.—A large body of schistose granite has been explored on the east side of the lake, a few miles south from Pilot Bay. On assay by Mr. R. H. Cavill, of Nelson, it yields 24 ounces in silver per ton. Mr. Walters, an English expert, who has been prospecting all round that vicinity, has a high opinion of it, and states that it is a valuable flux for galena and other ores. Thirteen claims have already been located on the ledge, which is situated within half-a-mile of the lake, on a down grade. This proximity to the smelter at Pilot Bay, the great extent of the deposit and the facility with which it can be handled, combine to make this an important find.

On the divide between Crawford Bay, back of Pilot Bay, and the St. Mary's River, which flows eastward into the Kootenay River at Fort Steele, several very rich strikes have been made. Antimonial silver and galena running up to 145 ounces per ton make the finders feel good and pleasant. The survey already reported to be in progress by the C. P. R. is traversing the waters of the St. Mary's, and a railroad here would open up a great belt of mineral country. The prospectors report this to be quite a rich grazing area. Thousands of acres of grass lands annually "waste their sweetness on the desert air." Cariboo, goat and mountain sheep are very plentiful here, while crowds of ground hogs, porcupines and jack rabbits testify to the fertility of the district.

Mr. Joseph Blanchard's hotel is making good progress; the roof is nearly completed. It will contain 30 rooms, and as Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard have had great experience in this business, having conducted the Blanchard House, at Spokane Falls, successfully for the last five years, a comfortable and quiet house for visitors will soon exist at Pilot Bay.

Sidewalks are in progress along Second street, also the grading of the approach to that street.

Mr. Hamilton Byers has gone to Victoria on business.

The pall of smoke which blotted out the scenery for some weeks has been rent and scattered by a few refreshing showers, the country is now bathing in sunlight, the atmosphere intensely clear, and the far peaks at the head of the lake are discernible, their newly fallen snow wreaths glinting in the sun.

The first appearance of snow on the mountains was on September 21, but the warm Chinook of the last few days has dissipated all trace of it on the south slopes.

PLUMPER'S PASS.

PLUMPER'S PASS, Oct. 3.—Mayne Island was well represented at the Victoria exhibition last week, not in the way of exhibits, however, but in the number of people who left this place on Thursday last to attend it; 16 in all "taking in" the show, returning on Monday morning apparently satisfied with their outing.

Mr. Jack Chivers, of Galiano Island, has been staying on Mayne Island for the past few days.

The Quadra landed here on Thursday and put ashore the boiler and other machinery which will shortly be used in the fitting up of the fog whistle for the Active Pass lighthouse.

A social was held at Mrs. Jack's on Wednesday evening last, when a pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. J. W. Rudd, late of Prevost Island, will become a resident here, making his headquarters at "The Figgery."

The goods, chattels and effects belonging to the estate of the late Wm. Smith, of Mayne Island, will be sold on the place by public auction, on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

Mrs. E. N. Patterson was a visitor to Victoria during exhibition week.

Some of "the boys" from off the Quadra, which was anchored here in the bay, held a pleasant "free and easy," on Thursday evening last, in a room kindly lent by Mr. Collinson, singing and dancing being freely indulged in. Messrs. Dooley and Campbell were the "stars" of the evening, each contributing his well varied stock of comics and sentimentals toward the various amusements.

Your correspondent took the first opportunity of going over the Mayne Island roads, which have lately been renovated. Great improvements have been made, which will make danger a thing of the past, and a new road of nearly a mile in length is deserving of notice, being a "short" cut on the old one, and well laid out for the money expended. Much credit is due to the road-master, Mr. Will Deacon, who has had the interest of his work at heart, and who, to do him justice, kept his team of horses at the work all the time, free of any expense.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 4.—Port & Winch are about to close the charter of a steamer for the Fall and Winter deep sea fishing in northern waters. They will fish for halibut and black cod only, and bring down three cargoes monthly.

A farmer's wife at South Westminster has been arrested for stealing a large quantity of house furnishings from a man named Green of that place.

J. R. Anderson, Provincial statistician and World's Fair commissioner, is making a tour in this district, and has met with much encouragement in his work. The farmers are meeting him half way, and he reports a cordial reception everywhere. He came in from Langley last night, and went up the line on the north bank of the Fraser to-day.

Councillor Kidd, of Lulu Island, is afflicted with a slight stroke of paralysis in the right arm.

Jesus Rodriguez, an old Spaniard, who was run over a few weeks ago by a horse, is dying at St. Mary's Hospital.

Almost the entire grain crop of the Mud Bay Valley is being shipped to Victoria.

The Police Commissioners will investigate a report about a bottle of whiskey being stolen from the lockup. The bottle would have convicted a temperance hotel man.

Judge Bole has suspended sentence in the case of young Smith, a 19-year-old boy, who stabbed Fred Owens, at Chilliwack, last month. The stabbing was done in the heat of an altercation, Smith having a knife in his hand at the time, and Owens struck the first blow.

J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, will be here this week, when important news regarding an extension from South Westminster is expected.

A letter has been received from the Nanaimo City Council, asking the Westminster Aldermanic board to unite with them in an appeal to the Government to take steps against the spread of smallpox. The matter is in the hands of the Health Committee, but no action has yet been taken.

A young man named Kerer was brought over to-day, from Victoria, charged with assaulting Rev. Mr. Chang, a Chinese missionary, two weeks ago on a tram-car. He will be tried on Thursday.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Oct. 4.—The K. of P. Grand Lodge was opened here, to-day, about 25 delegates, representing all the Pythian lodges in the Province, being present. This morning's session was occupied in examining credentials, etc. During the afternoon session reports were presented which show the order to be in good standing, financially and numerically. The receipts of the Grand Lodge were $2,186; expenditure, $1,195; and balance on hand, $991. Fourteen lodges are under this jurisdiction.

Five new lodges were instituted during the past year, total membership 934.

Among those quarantined at Wellington are two members of the Local Board of Health, Messrs. J. B. Hugo and Joseph Lewis.

Beatrice, daughter of John Pargeter, Wallace street, died on Sunday morning of congestion of the lungs, aged nine years.

During the past month 68 cases were dealt with in the police court. The offences were: Drunk and disorderly, or incapable, 37; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 7; felonious assault, 6; vagrancy, 4; larceny, 2; breach of the peace, 2; in possession of intoxicants on the Indian reserve, 1; carrying firearms, 1; deserter, 1; destitute, 1; murder, 1; illegal fishing, 1; stowaway, 1.

The customs returns for September are:

Import duty	$ 3,340 71
Sick mariners' dues	500 56
Miscellaneous	51 00
Total	$ 3,892 77
Imports:	
Value of goods imported free	$ 717 00
Value of goods dutiable	10,139 00
Direct imports	2,408 00
Value of goods ex-warehouse free	161 00
For exportation	269 00

Arrived, ss. Romulus.

NAKUSP.

(From the Kootenay Star.)

Everybody is waiting the outcome of the tendering for the wagon road. The longer the construction of the road is delayed, the longer will our building boom remain in the back ground.

A party, headed by Dr. Thomas, left here yesterday morning to visit a placer claim five miles north of Trail Creek. The claim has been tested before, and proved to be fairly rich in gold. Great hopes are entertained of the success of their mission.

GOLDEN.

(From the Era.)

S. S. Fowler came in from Fish Creek and reports a heavy fall of snow in that district. There is also much snow at Rogers Pass and Glacier.

P. Lambrich, of the Cariboo Hill mine, says he has driven 45 feet and has struck at least 12 inches of good sulphuret ore, which assays very well. Some hundred pounds have been brought in for assay and treatment this week.

W. J. Irwin left by last boat for Jubilee Mountain, and will do some work on his copper property. John Conkrite accompanied him.

MONTREAL, Sept. 30.—Joseph Edward Lefebvre, bookkeeper for Ledoux & Co., carriage-makers, was arrested to-day on a charge of embezzling $5,000 of his employers' money. He acknowledged his guilt. Fast living was the cause of his downfall.

THE JEWISH FESTIVAL.

"Succoth" to be Celebrated in the Synagogue With Great Eclat To-day and To-morrow.

Origin and Significance of the Great Feast—Its Lessons to the Israelites.

This evening at 7 o'clock and to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, the Synagogue will be opened for the purpose of carrying out the very impressive services of "Succoth," which is known as the "Feast of Booths," being an exemplification of the dwellings used by the Israelites through their sojourn of 40 years in the desert, reminding man of the protective power of the Lord of Hosts.

The observance of this feast of rejoicing is two-fold; the products of the fields being gathered at this time of year, affords the means of praise and thanksgiving, for the bounteous gifts of Nature to the husbandmen, and those dependant on the earth's resources. It also reminds the most favored sons of fortune not to fail to remember the needs of the less favored sons of toil.

This harvest feast is an invitation to assist the poor, so that "mankind may rejoice before Him." The citron, palm tree, myrtle and willow twigs, are the figurative emblem of all God's creatures, being on an equality; hence all should be equally dealt with. The rich and the poor, the wise and the simple, fare equal in His mercies and blessings.

In carrying out the lesson that this holiday teaches, mankind at large would be gainers, while the civilized nations of earth would be led to a better knowledge of the Jew's advanced theology, of man's duties to man, creating a standard of universal peace and good-will. The example of fraternal fellowship, moved by generous impulse, is what sustains the steady, unflagging flame of Judaism. These impressions are never wholly lost, but are a beacon-light in all countries and climes to the Jewish race.

The past and present must convince the observant student of theology that the Jew of to-day authenticates in his own person the promises of Holy Writ. In celebrating and commemorating this "feast of rejoicing" no better exponent on the Pacific slope can be found than the Rabbi of the Congregation Emanu-El, Rev. S. Philo, who will officiate at the services. Preparations are being made for the accommodation of visitors, and the synagogue will be beautifully decorated for the occasion.

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