

BRIEF LOCALS

Cleanings of City and Provincial News

From Tuesday's Daily.

The trial of Shallice vs. Gareche was this morning adjourned until January 11th.

Preparations are being made by the members of the sergeants' mess of the Fifth Regiment for a military exhibition to be given shortly at the drill hall.

Rev. P. H. McEwen conducted the services at the funeral of the late Joe Sophia Willard, which took place from Hanna's parlors, at 2:30 this afternoon.

A rather suspicious looking character, who began begging from people on the streets was taken to the police station this afternoon and charged with being a vagrant.

The matron and board of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Robert Dunsford for her Christmas gift, a check for \$100, to that institution.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company the following officers were chosen: President, James Brethour; Vice-President, P. C. Dunlevy; Secretary, T. Rounding.

The children of South Park school collected yesterday afternoon on behalf of the poor of the city nearly ten dollars, as well as a large quantity of goods, the whole of which will be distributed by the Friendly Help Association.

The Lieut.-Governor has promised his patronage to the entertainment to be given in the drill hall on the 29th and 30th instants by the Fifth Regiment band, assisted by the Misses Wellington. The proceeds of the entertainment go towards the new instrument fund.

News has been received from Vancouver to the effect that Meier, the man arrested for stealing a coat from the Occidental Hotel last week, is probably the man wanted in connection with the theft of four overcoats from the Commercial hotel and two from the Vancouver Hotel.

Rev. Canon Paddon on Sunday conducted the funeral services in connection with the burial of the late William T. Harris, who died last week at the Jubilee Hospital. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. Nelson, O. Snorth, H. Matthews, J. Burney, C. Craigie and C. Andrews.

The Christmas entertainment to be given by the ladies of St. John's church on Tuesday evening the 29th instants, will be a very original one. Santa Claus will make his appearance by descending a real brick chimney, which will afterwards be demolished and the bricks, each of which will contain a present, will be given to the children. A cantata, "Santa Claus in a Plight," will also be presented.

There was a good attendance at the closing exercises of the Cedar Hill public school, which were held on Friday last. An interesting programme of songs and recitations was carried out by the pupils. Mr. R. M. Palmer, provincial fruit inspector and Mr. Tracy briefly addressed the school. Mr. Palmer spoke of the importance of distinctness in reciting and gave the children a very interesting lesson on the art, requesting them to exercise their observation in verifying his remarks.

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The regular weekly meeting of Perseverance lodge was held last evening with Mr. Wilson in the chair. After the routine business was disposed of a programme consisting of songs, readings and speeches and an essay by Mr. Ross, person was carried out to the satisfaction of those in attendance. Among those taking part were members of Triumph and Victoria West lodges.

One of the police court this morning James Emerson, who was arrested for begging on the street, was remanded until to-morrow, in order to give him an opportunity to leave the city. A Chinaman who stole \$10 from a house on Courtenay street, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, and Richard Daverine, who ran a wood sawing machine after prohibited hours, paid \$2 costs. A drunk was convicted and discharged.

The following is the promotion list for the Cedar Hill public school: From Fourth to Fifth—Mabel Miller, Harold Russell, Clara Morrison, Nellie Ross, May Knight, Ethel Irvin, Leonard Newcombe. From Third to Fourth—Marton Russell, James Miller, Ralph Thornton, Wilfred Holmes. From Second to Third—Isabella McKee, Walter Palmer, Frank Miller, Tom Todd, Willie Merriman, Rose Palmer, Alton Carlow, Nelson Carlow. From Second to First—Scotty Reader, Willis McKee, Nettie Carlow, Elsie Merriman, Horace Palmer.

From Thursday's Daily.

Those sisters of Colfax Rebekah Degree lodge who were recently married were entertained by the members of the lodge at a pleasant social last evening.

The city council held a very short meeting yesterday evening, when the municipal elections by-law was read a third time and passed. The meeting only lasted about ten minutes.

One of the best stags exhibited at a butcher's stall is marked with 1235 lbs. and an enormous pig is marked at 750 pounds.

Mr. Marchant will move at the next meeting of the council, which will be held on the 29th instants, that the police cord, city hall, be fixed as the place for holding the trustee elections.

The treasurer of the Refuge Home committee acknowledges with thanks a Christmas donation from the mayor and council of \$25, also from Mr. S. M. Robbins, of Nanaimo, five tons of coal.

A former resident of this city, Mr. P. D. McMillan, now of Griswold, Ont., was married at Wood Lake, Minn., on the 18th inst to Miss Alberta Gene, eldest daughter of Mr. William Gene.

Mr. A. C. Anderson was the winner of last evening's whist tournament, of the J.B.A.A., his score being 11 games out of 15. Mr. R. C. Trimen was at the other end with a score of two games.

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THE THORNTON CASE

The Claim of the Thornton Taken up Before the Commission This Morning.

Evidence Given by Witnesses as to the Value of That Schooner in 1883.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the Behring Sea Claims Commission was a most interesting one. Captain Louis Olsen gave evidence as to the catch of the schooner W. P. Seward in 1883, when he was master of that vessel on her sealing cruise in Behring Sea. The total catch in the sea was 1812 seals, and George D. Logan testified to keeping the tally over this district in 1883. At 4 o'clock an adjournment was taken until the morning.

When the Commission resumed its sitting at 10:30 o'clock this morning Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper opened the case of the Thornton, which is very similar to that of the Carolea, and a great deal of evidence submitted in that case will be applicable to this. The Thornton's claim is for seizure in 1886, damages are claimed for the vessel, her cargo and seals taken as in the preceding case, and for the imprisonment of the master and mate at Sitka.

The defence has raised the question of ownership in this case.

The Thornton was built in 1891 at Dungeness, Washington. She was registered as a British vessel at Victoria in 1894. Her registered tonnage was 20.36 tons.

Mr. H. J. Cook, ship carpenter of Victoria, Nelson Carlow, was called. He said that in 1877 when he had Turpel's shipyard, he rebuilt the schooner Thornton, and when she left his ship she was practically a new vessel. In 1883 she was worth \$5000, ready to sea, and in 1886 she was in as good condition as ever.

To Mr. Warner he said that when built in 1877 the Thornton was worth more than when built originally. His bill for labor done by him on her was \$1240. This did not include the price of materials. The total cost of rebuilding her, he thought, was about \$3500.

Walter Walker also gave evidence as to the value of the Thornton. In 1886, he said, when equipped with steam machinery she was worth about \$8000.

Captain Warren said the Thornton was worth in 1886 from \$5000 to \$6000.

Mr. Turpel gave evidence as to the value of sealing boats in that year. He said they were worth about \$1200 each, and in 1886 they were worth \$1500.

Each of the witnesses called in evidence in the Carolea case, which, being applicable to this case, will be transferred.

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Captain G. Hansen was examined as to the value of the schooner, which he obtained in Behring Sea, and Louis Olsen as to the transfer of provisions to the Thornton at Chitquoqot in 1886 and the Behring sea catch of that year of the Anna Beck, of which schooner he was master in 1887. The Anna Beck was in the sea from July 2nd until August 12th, and took 1141 seals.

Charles Spring was examined as to the catch of the Favovrite for 1888, in connection with the evidence of Captain McLean and that of Mr. Lubbe. Captain McLean stated that the catch of the Anna Beck in 1883, and Mr. Lubbe that he bought the whole cargo, which consisted of 616 skins. Mr. Dickinson said that these, if added together, would amount to about the number as stated by the late Morris Moss.

Mr. Peters objected to this extract, on the ground that it was opening the way for much evidence that was inadmissible. The commission then adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

THE OMINCEA COUNTRY.

An Old Miner Tells of His Experiences on Manson Creek.

Captain Black has received the following letter from a resident of Lambton county, Ont., relative to the riches on Manson Creek:

To the Omineca Hydraulic Company, Victoria, British Columbia.

Gentlemen: I see by the papers that you have located 500 acres of mining ground on Manson Creek. I believe that you will get a very large return for your investment on that creek, if you get on the right "port" of it, and so at it in a practical way, I spent four years mining on that creek 23 years ago, sunk shafts, ran tunnels and worked in the bed of the creek, and could give you some valuable information with regard to making locations and other things in regard to that country. I also worked several claims in the Cassiar country, was three years in that country. I have been since 1877 in the oil borings in this part of our country. I have always intended to return to Manson Creek after the creek claims were worked out, as I found some very rich pay dirt in the hills. The only thing that has kept me from doing so is that I have married here and have a family, and knowing it would be impossible to take my family with me, I have staid with them. I would like to know what facilities you are getting for getting your supplies in. How much will it cost per pound on Manson Creek? We had to pay \$1 per pound freight when I was there. I have had some grand prospects on that creek, and have made over one hundred dollars per day to the man. I would like to know just where on the creek you have located.

is it up or down from what we called Black Jack Gulch, where the tunnel was located? And just how is the best way to get into that country at the present time? Hoping to hear from you, I remain, respectfully yours, O. BAKER.

P. S. I will tell you my secret. Another man and myself ran a prospect tunnel for an old bed of the creek. The whole length of the tunnel was through pay dirt that would pay well for hydraulic mining. We found the old channel and followed the bed rock down about 12 feet. There was from three to four feet of very hard yellow gravel on the bed rock, that went from 25 cents to \$2 to the ym. The trouble with us was that the water above us, and the air was very bad. We had to dig a tunnel through this solid rock to drain the mine or we would have to sink a shaft from the top. We had not the necessary capital to do so. The excitement about Cassiar country reached us and we left and went to that country. I have lost track of my partner, have not heard from him for fifteen years. I made some money in the mines, came home and married the girl I left behind me and here I am. Yours, O.B.

VICTORIA MARKET

Ogilvie's Hungarian flour, \$3.50

Lake of the Woods, \$3.50

Rainier, \$3.50

Snowflake, \$3.50

XXX, \$3.50

Premier (Hudonby), \$3.50

Three Star (Underby), \$3.50

Strong Baker's (O.K.), \$3.50

Salem, \$3.50

Wheat, per ton, \$40.00

Barley, per ton, \$30.00 to \$32.00

Midlings, per ton, \$22.00 to \$23.00

Bran, per ton, \$20.00

Corn feed, per ton, \$25.00 to \$27.00

Groin, whole, \$30.00 to \$32.00

Corn, cracked, \$35.00

Corncrakes, per bushel, \$3.50

Cailliflowers, per bushel, \$2.00

Hay, baled, per ton, \$12.00 to \$13.00

Straw, per bale, \$7.00 to \$8.00

Green peppers, cured, per lb., 10c

Onions, per lb., 4c

Bananas, \$2.00 to \$2.50

Pears, \$2.00 to \$2.50

Grapes, \$2.00 to \$2.50

Lemons (California), \$2.50 to \$3.00

Apples, Eastern, per lb., 5c

Oranges (California), per doz., 40 to 50c

Apples (Japanese), per bushel, 60c

Fish—salmon, per lb., 10c to 12c

Fish—small, \$8.00 to 10c

Smoked hloaters, per lb., 12c to 14c

Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz., 50c

Eggs, Manitoba, \$2.00 to 3.00

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Two Stories as to Who the Greatest Magician of Modern Times Really Was.

Men who knew "Herman the Wizard," or "Herman the Great," since his sudden demise are gradually disclosing many interesting instances in the life, character, and habits of the greatest magician of modern times.

Alexander Hermann, if that was his real name, was a German Jew by descent, but was born in Paris in 1841.

His father was a physician in Germany, but on removing to Paris, both he and his wife became professional magicians, and attained as great celebrity as their son. Indeed, all the children, who were sixteen in number, went the same way.

When Alexander was only ten years old his brother Carl, much to the displeasure of his parents, kidnapped him and took him from Paris to St. Petersburg, to teach him the "black art." Alexander subsequently returned to Paris but his brother kidnapped him again and took him to Vienna. He pursued his studies as a magician there until he was 15 years of age, and then went to Madrid and began his career by appearing before Queen Isabella II.

Hermann came to America in 1881 and immediately took out his naturalization papers and became an American citizen. This act seems to have been with him a matter of feeling and conviction as he ever afterwards remained a devoted admirer of American institutions. He made his professional debut in this country at the Academy of Music in New York, in the season of 1860-61, playing for seventy consecutive nights and reaping immense profits. He and his brother then formed a partnership and made a tour of the country together. After that Carl, who was 70 years old and a millionaire, returned to Europe and died at Carlbad the next year.

Soon after separating from his brother Hermann made a professional tour through Europe, the main feature of which being his 1000 consecutive performances in Egyptian Hall, London. Returning to this country he made annual tours through the States until 1883, when he visited Canada, and then several South American countries. He was particularly well received in Rio Janeiro, where Don Pedro attended all of his "mystic" performances and rewarded him with the cross of Brazil. From Brazil Hermann went to Russia and even Siberia, and then returned by way of London, his tour netting him \$175,000. Other travels occupied several more years, and after returning to this country three years ago he confined himself to annual tours through the States, which brought him on an average \$85,000 each. His last engagement in Chicago was last winter, at the Columbia theatre.

Hermann was married 17 years ago to a companion performer in Schumann's Transatlantic Vaudeville Company, and from that time Mrs. Hermann regularly appeared with him, and not only took a prominent part in his most astonishing feats of magic, but made herself attractive by her graceful dancing. She is an English woman, and had attained considerable fame as a danseuse before she made his acquaintance.

Hermann made an immense amount of money, but spent it nearly as fast as he made it. He lived in the most luxurious manner, even when traveling. He had five horses, which he carried with him wherever he went, and always travelled in a splendid train of three cars. This was done partly, however, for his health, as his physician warned him that he would not last long.

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