

**PERSONAL GOSSIP.**

A. J. Blackwood, C. E., of Port Angeles, is in the city.

M. H. Cowan left for California, Thursday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Stoell, of Kingston, Ont., are at the Driard.

W. J. McDowell, of the Attorney-General's office, is dangerously ill.

Mrs. and Miss Wilson were passengers from the Mainland, Thursday evening.

Rev. Canon and Mrs. Routledge, of Canterbury, Eng., are paying Victoria a visit.

Walter Oakes, secretary of the Puget Sound and Alaska Steamship Co., is in the city.

Miss Scott left, Wednesday night, on the City of Kingston to visit her mother in Tacoma.

M. M. Burns and P. Burns, well known stockmen of Calgary, are staying at the Oriental.

Mrs. E. E. Blackwood is visiting friends over the Sound. Miss Wallace accompanies her.

Henry Brooks, of R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., contemplates a visit to his old home in England.

Oscar Lucas, of the Colonist staff, returned from a holiday visit to Manitoba, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Campbell, wife of the new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will join her husband in this city about the 1st prox.

John A Macdonald, editor and proprietor of the Arnprior Chronicle, was in the city Friday, en route to Portland, where he will attend the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Rev. C. O. Kepler and wife, of Massachusetts, are paying Victoria a brief visit en route to the North China missions of the Methodist Church. They will sail by the Empress to-morrow.

Encouraged by the success attending the excursion last Sunday to Port Angeles, the promoters have determined to again charter the Joan for another excursion—this time to Tacoma. To-morrow is the day decided upon for the next excursion, and already enough tickets have been disposed of to ensure its success. These excursions should be well patronized, and no doubt they will.

For the past two years, Mr. J. Parfitt has conducted the Thanksgiving-day musical festivals in the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church, which have been gotten up under the auspices of the Sunday school. Preparations are now being made with a view of rendering the cantata "The Angel of the Harvest" by Simpson, on the coming Thanksgiving day. It is a new composition, and very beautifully tells the story of the seasons. The chorus will comprise some fifty voices.

The moonlight excursion, last Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Centennial Methodist Church, was a success. The Joan is most conveniently arranged as an excursion steamer and is already a favorite. The eventful feature of the evening was the sail around Esquimalt Harbor. The ships' crews all cheered the Joan. The Warspite band played a selection in their usual fine style. The Joan's engines were stopped, and everyone listened attentively to the sweet music that came from the quarter deck of the warship, and, when it was over, a cheer went up for the good ship's band and her obliging officers.

**B. C. CUSTOMS RETURNS.**

The following is a summary of the customs returns for the four ports of the Province of British Columbia for the month of August, 1892:

**IMPORTS.**

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods.....	\$198,883 00	\$ 84,220 00	\$ 18,512 00	\$ 12,328 00	\$313,943 00
Free Goods.....	23,673 00	17,715 00	5,394 00	816 00	47,598 00
<b>Total Imports.....</b>	<b>\$222,556 00</b>	<b>\$101,935 00</b>	<b>\$ 23,906 00</b>	<b>\$ 13,144 00</b>	<b>\$361,541 00</b>

**REVENUE.**

Duty Collected.....	\$ 68,700 47	\$ 21,314 18	\$ 9,067 57	\$ 3,556 59	\$102,638 83
Other Revenue.....	3,447 42	4,174 84	330 36	84 56	8,037 18
<b>Total Collections.....</b>	<b>\$ 72,147 89</b>	<b>\$ 25,489 02</b>	<b>\$ 9,397 95</b>	<b>\$ 3,641 15</b>	<b>\$110,676 01</b>

**EXPORTS.**

The Mine.....	\$ 23,301 00		\$ 1,479 00	\$144,272 00	\$174,052 00
The Fisheries.....	17,582 00	\$ 18,690 00	3,500 00		39,772 00
The Forest.....	103 00	30,542 00	669 00	6,868 00	38,182 00
Animals and their produce.....	51,640 00	231 00	664 00		52,535 00
Agricultural.....	5,161 00			1 00	5,162 00
Manufactures.....	6,971 00	1,059 00	1,562 00	45 00	9,617 00
Miscellaneous.....	434 00	36,576 00			37,010 00
<b>Total Exports.....</b>	<b>\$110,192 00</b>	<b>\$ 87,078 00</b>	<b>\$ 7,874 00</b>	<b>\$151,186 00</b>	<b>\$366,330 00</b>

**EXAMINE THE SHIPS.**

To the Editor of THE VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—Will you permit me to call the attention of the authorities to the danger of the arrival of the cholera from Japan, the East Indies and China, where this and other contiguous diseases are well known.

The numerous vessels from those places that come to our shores may easily be carriers of what we can gladly dispense with, and I believe it behooves those concerned to establish a vigilant inspection of every vessel that comes in here. My wish is not to cause unnecessary alarm, but to guard against danger, as an ounce of precaution is worth more than a pound of cure.

Yours faithfully,

PROFESSOR TOTTENHAM.

Victoria, Sept. 14, 1892.

**COLOR BLINDNESS.**

From three to five per cent., of men who are capable of acting as pilots or engineers are kept out of the work through color blindness. Total color blindness is very rare, but the green-red blindness is very common. Unfortunately for these sufferers from the defects of nature, the signals on the water and railroads are always green and red, making it impossible for them to accept positions that they might otherwise be adapted to by nature. After examining several hundred patients, Hering concluded that while green-red color blindness was quite common, total color blindness or yellow-blue is very rare. It is suggested, then, that if red signal lights had a distinctly yellowish tinge and the green ones a bluish tinge, no accident from color blindness would ever happen.

**THE EMPEROR AND THE LEGEND.**

Heavy artillery firing, a couple of weeks ago, led the people of Berlin to think that the accouchment of the Empress had occurred. Later it was learned that the firing merely accompanied a sham fight on the outskirts of the city. The accouchment of the Empress took place a few days ago, the child being a female. Both parents were eager that the child should be a girl. The Emperor was especially anxious, as the peculiar prophecy on the subject by a Catholic monk was brought recently to his attention. The record of the prophecy was found in the Prussian archives.

It was made centuries ago and runs substantially as follows:

"After receiving a mortal blow from a conqueror who shall come from the west (supposed to be Napoleon I.), the German empire will be erected again two generations later by a monarch of a new dynasty (Emperor William I.), who will live to a great age, rule long, and, owing to the wisdom of his government, be beloved by all his subjects. He will be followed by a monarch who will have but a short reign (Emperor Frederick), and the latter will be followed by a third monarch who will have seven sons, none of whom will ascend the throne."

This prophecy is said to have taken a peculiar hold upon the Emperor's vivid imagination, and he fears that by becoming the father of the seventh son he will fulfil its condition.

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