

TRUE BILL FOR LIBEL

The Grand Jury Find Grounds for the Charges Against the Province.

Barrata Convicted—Williams the Prince Man Stands His Trial.

The assizes were continued this morning with his lordship Mr. Justice McCall presiding. The first case was that of Joseph Barrata charged with wounding and attempting to murder Joseph Gross, at the Osborne House on the 31st of April, 1898.

Christian, the proprietor of the Osborne House, gave evidence, and was followed by Detective Palmer who arrested the accused on Douglas street with the gun in his hand.

His lordship said he had listened with surprise and admiration to the most impressive defense. Mr. Powell had factually established to substantiate the indictment. The fact that Barrata had been drinking all day and that an hour or two before he had been in a state of intoxication on the head precluded the possibility of wilfulness in his deed.

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Mr. H. D. Helmeck having notified the deputy attorney general that the defense in the Williams case were not ready to proceed, the hearing was postponed until tomorrow.

The jury in the Barrata case brought in a verdict of "guilty" with a recommendation of leniency, and sentence was reserved.

PROPOSITION KILLED

The By-Law to Provide for the Completion of Filter Beds Defeated.

Apathy of Voters Results in a Majority Against the Proposal.

Opt of a total number of 3,000 only 643 were sufficiently interested in the question of improved water service for the city to take the trouble of marking their ballots yesterday.

Mr. Sydney Booth has purchased the Point Comfort Hotel on Mayne Island, Plumpers Pass, and has renovated and enlarged it. This is one of the best summer resorts on the coast.

The well known comedy singers, Kistell and Emmett, say: "Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is the most wonderful medicine we have ever used for our eyes."

A WELCOME REDUCTION. C. P. R. Telegraphic Rates Cut 24 1/2 Percent.

Dear Mr. Betts—Occasions such as the present are rare when the ties of the relationship existing between pastor and people are so strong.

LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily.

At his residence, Cadboro' Bay road, last night, occurred the death of Joshua Hickland, who has been ill for a long time. The remains were removed to Hanna's undertaking parlors and the funeral will take place from there tomorrow afternoon at 2:30.

The vital statistics for the month of May for the city of Victoria are as follows: Births, 22; marriages, 28; deaths, 10.

The gold watch lost by Mrs. Casey yesterday evening at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday night was found by another lady member of the congregation, and returned to the owner last night.

The party of excursionists which arrived yesterday from the Sound by the North Pacific spent about five hours in the city, visiting the principal places of interest and expressing themselves well pleased with their visit.

The funeral of the late Joshua Strickland took place today at 2:30 p.m. from Hanna's parlors, where the Rev. Mr. Speer conducted services.

The records of the police court show that during the month of May the following offenses were committed by whites: Assault, 4; attempted suicide, 1; cutting and maiming, 2; infraction of the laws, 12; drinking, 22; fighting, 30; vagrancy, 1; six Indians were committed for drunkenness and two for pointing a revolver. Chinese offenses were one each for aggravated assault, infraction of city by-laws, fight, possession of stolen property and stealing. The aggregates are: Whites, 57; Indians, 8; Chinese, 5; total, 70.

The citizens held a meeting on Friday evening at the celebration in connection with the Fair. There were ten speakers, and the following were appointed, the mayor and the mayor elect, and the following were appointed, the mayor and the mayor elect, and the following were appointed, the mayor and the mayor elect.

PROVINCIAL

From our own Correspondent.

From Vancouver May 31.—The Vancouver Fair is being enthusiastically supported.

The monthly losses by fire during the month of June were \$3,810; insurance owners of the various properties, the most serious fire was that at the 3rd, the estimated resulting damage being \$2,500. Eleven alarms were struck in during the month.

The department of agriculture announced that an invitation has been extended to Hon. Mr. Fisher, the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, to visit the province next month accompanied by several of the professors from the central experimental farms.

An appropriation of \$3,500 has been made by the Dominion government for the purpose of defraying the cost of telegraphing to the meteorological station at Esquimalt reports from other stations.

The police magistrate had not a single case brought before him this morning. Yesterday morning, at the trial of William Slinekhoff for assaulting May Williams, the latter, who did not appear for the defense, was subsequently brought up by order of the court, when she stated the defendant had visited her twice since leaving the information and had paid her \$8 to replace the dress he had destroyed and \$2 as costs of the court, in consideration of which she agreed not to appear against him.

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