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Fall Assizes.

The Fall assizes will open at New Westminster on November 12th, at Victoria, November, 14th, and at Nanaimo, December 2nd.

A Race On.

The backers of Hugh McKay, the Victoria oarsman, have arranged a race in outrigger skiffs with McLean, of New Westminster, to be rowed in this city in the course of the next three weeks.

The Mary Ellen.

Yestegday the inquiry into the circumstances attending the loss of the sealing schooner Mary Ellen was resumed before Collector Milne, some important evidence being taken, which, for the present, is solely for the ears of the Department of Marine.

N. W. T. Stockraisers.

Westminster Truth reports that it is the intention of several of the heaviest stockraisers of Alberta, N. W. T., to commence business in this province on a large scale. Large butcher establishments and stockyards will be opened in all cities of the province. These establishments will be supplied with beef, mutton, etc., from the ranches in the Northwest.

Rich Diggings at Alberni.

Mr. Armstrong, Alberni mail carrier, who arrived at Nanaimo on Wednesday, brought news of the return of Mr. Frank McQuillan and party from a prospecting trip. They report striking rich diggings on the Taylor river and brought down the gold to substantiate their statement. Quite an excitement was caused in the settlement of Alberni on receipt of this news.

Well Caught.

A lively little mare owned by Mr. McLennan conceived the idea of running away from in front of Brackman & Ker's premises, yesterday afternoon, and succeeded in developing good speed by the time Yates street was reached. The owner, however, had given chase, and at the point named he jumped over the tail board and, though at considerable risk, obtained possession of the reins and soon brought the steed to a halt.

Postponed.

Owing to the fact that although Port Angeles has been declared a port of entry, British boats cannot yet land there, the excursion by the steamer from this city has been postponed until the appointment of a British vice-consul in the new Sound city. Further announcements will be made as soon as arrangements are completed.

To Sue the City.

It is understood that the late lamentable accident at New Westminster by which Captain Dunn, of the Titania, lost his life, will be made the basis of an action against the corporation for heavy damages in behalf of the widow and children. The coroner's jury, it will be remembered, censured the city severely for neglecting to provide a light at the dangerous spot where the Captain was killed.

Signs of Progress.

Mr. John Teague, architect, has now in hand preliminary plans for a number of new residences and business premises to be erected in this city. Among them are designs for a new three-story building at the northwest corner of Government and Yates, where now stands the tobacco and cigar store of Mr. Henry Salmon. The property belongs to Mr. Gaspin, who is now in England, and construction of the new building will commence in the spring.

A Ministerial Opinion.

The following extract from a letter to Col. E. G. Prior, M.P., from Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Customs, is self-explanatory: "I was disappointed at not finding you at home when I was in your city, which I was glad to find is rapidly improving, and giving every evidence of as much prosperity as any city on the Coast."

On Furlough.

Mr. W. T. Livock, of the Hudson's Bay Co., will in the course of the next few days leave for merrie England on a well-earned furlough, which is expected to extend over three or four months. During his absence his position will be filled by Mr. Hendry, of the H. B. Co.'s Winnipeg office, a brother of ex-Mayor Hendry, of Westminster, who arrived from the Manitoba capital last evening.

Salmon Stiffening.

Ben Young, the salmon king, who is now in town says that salmon prices in the London market are stiffening, and a rise of 50 cents is now reported, the quotation now being $4.50 per case. The buyers on the other side of the water are now awaiting consignments, and surprised to find that the people here are able to stand firm and hold their goods until there is some profit to be made.

The Rainfall.

The total rainfall for the past four days, as officially reported at Victoria, has been, 3.625 inches, divided as follows:—

For the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. October 19th, 0.30 inches.

For the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. October 20th, 0.375 inches.

For the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. October 21st, 1.1 inches.

For the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. October 22nd, 1.85 inches.

Committed for Trial.

The city police magistrate, Hon. A. N. Richards, after hearing the evidence for the defence in the case of the Queen vs. Lewis, charged with stealing, committed the accused to stand his trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction. The only other case in the police court yesterday arose over the ownership of a cart, which a young man was charged with having stolen and sold. The evidence was not sufficient to convict.

At the New Wharf.

Despite the continual rain of the past week or so, Mr. T. F. Sinclair, contractor for the new ocean dock, reports that about 75 men are kept busy, and the work is progressing well. The breakwater is now out some 550 feet, and the new dredge, already proved a success, will be put in practical service next week. He is thoroughly satisfied with the rapidity with which the work is being done.

Two Years' Imprisonment.

In the Speedy Trials' Court, yesterday, Samuel Davis was charged with stealing six bottles of beer from the Vancouver brewery, and, on a second count, with having the beer in his possession, knowing it to have been stolen. A conviction was secured upon the latter charge, and Mr. Justice Drake sentenced the prisoner to two years' imprisonment in the provincial jail. Deputy Attorney-General P. E. Irving appeared for the Crown and Mr. J. P. Walls for the prisoner. In the course of the evidence Officer Levin, of the city police, testified that he was standing on one side of a fence, and the prisoner, not knowing who he was, pushed the bottles under the fence to him. This being the case, and "the beer being stolen, the question arises: "Was not the police officer, innocently enough, a receiver of stolen goods?"

Vancouver's Public Market.

The Vancouver World says: "All the butchers, with one exception, he being outside the limits set by the Market by-law, will have removed to the market building before the end of the month. Both Hayes & McIntosh and VanVolkenburgh Bros. will take several stalls, which will give them ample room for their large stocks of meat. They propose after that date to cease delivering meat at private houses, so that all will have to come to the market house to purchase."

A Suspicious Trunk.

A Seattle paper says the customs inspector at that place has in his possession a suspicious looking trunk, supposed to contain opium. It was received from Victoria, Saturday last, on the North Pacific, transferred to the Northern Pacific by private parties, and checked there for Tacoma. It was overhauled at Kent, where the inspector sealed it up, and it will be held for a claimant. Another trunk from Victoria, received yesterday, and now in the possession of the Seattle Transfer company, was ordered not delivered until searched by a customs officer in the presence of the owner.

Coal and Copper at Port Townsend.

There was much excitement at Port Townsend, Wednesday evening, over a coal and copper find made twenty miles from the city a few days ago. A party has been out prospecting, and made three trips in the last month. The result has been kept very quiet, till it was learned the specimens found assayed 20 per cent. copper and 60 per cent. silver, besides the finest quality of bituminous coal, specimens of which were taken from just below the surface and burn readily. The company will be known as the Junction City Coal and Mining company, and was incorporated with $100,000 capital stock.

If It Could but Speak.

On May 24 last, a well-known young lady of this city had her pocket picked, while attending the regatta at the Gorge. Her purse, which was taken, contained $4 or $5, including a 25-cent piece, upon one side of which her initials, K.B., were engraved. Nothing was heard of the lost purse until yesterday, when the marked coin, easily recognizable, was given to her brother with other change, in the course of his business. He had given it to his sister in the first place, and knew it in a minute. The coincidence of its return is the latest bit of gossip in the circle in which the young lady moves.

In Need of Assistance.

The story of a sad misfortune comes from the north coast through Mr. Green, of Savory Island. It appears that a man named Cornett came to this province about five months ago, from Dakota, bringing with him a wife and four children, the eldest being nine years old. They went to reside on Ononda Island, seven miles from Cape Mudge. About four weeks ago Mr. Corbett took sick and died a week later, leaving his wife and family in destitute circumstances. Mr. Green gave them provisions sufficient for a month and furnished them with blankets, boots and other necessaries. He arrived here to-day and is trying to get assistance for the family.—Vancouver World.

A Narrow Escape.

The banks of the Victoria Arm, not far from Deadman's Island, were "almost" the scene of a serious accident to a prominent member of the judiciary of British Columbia, last Sunday afternoon. Several young Victorians were duck shooting in the vicinity at the time, according to the statement of one of the party, and one shot was fired at a bird on the water. It rose, and a second shot was sent after it on the wing. The shot missed the duck, but scattered unpleasantly close to the judicial gentleman, who was walking with a friend near the latter's residence. They at once made their appearance and gave the hunters a little free advice, which however had the effect of sending them home fearful of even more dire consequences following their fun.

A Toronto Visitor.

Mr. W. Ince, of the firm of Perkins, Ince & Co., Toronto, has been in town for several days, and, despite the unpropitious weather, has taken stock of a very great deal that is of interest in the city and surroundings. He was particularly well gratified by his visit to the flagship and the reception which he had received. He had been the object of the kindest and most considerate attentions from a number of the people of the city, which he intended to leave, with the most happy recollections of it, for Tacoma and San Francisco en route for the Yosemite Valley, of which, though the season was far advanced, he had most pleasant anticipations.

Nanaimo Electric Tramway.

On Tuesday evening a meeting of subscribers to the Electric Tramway company was held in the Board of Trade rooms, Nanaimo. Mr. G. A. McBain was appointed chairman and Mr. M. Wolfe secretary of the meeting. After some discussion, in the course of which it was stated that the project had been generally received with favor, it was decided to form a company with the following provisional board of directors, viz.: Messrs. George Norris, subsequently elected president; Dr. E. A. Praeger, vice-president; Marcus Wolfe, treasurer; W. K. Leighton, secretary; Mayor Hilbert, J. H. Pleace and G. A. McBain. It was resolved that steps be taken to procure incorporation, to obtain propositions for construction, &c. A meeting of the directors will be held this evening.

Caught at Last.

For some time past a bad Indian, known as Billy Kelly, has been making trouble on the reserve, and all efforts to catch him have been fruitless. Last night as Indian Officer James was nearing his home he saw the offending Billy engaged in the exercise of throwing heavy stones at his (James') door. The officer approached and collared the stone thrower, not quite scientifically enough, however, to prevent his showing fight. A battle royal ensued, lasting half an hour, and then an outsider appeared, and with his assistance the handcuffs were placed on Billly's wrists. In his pockets were found two bottles, one filled with whiskey and one with gin; and for having these in his possession he will appear in the provincial court this morning.

Highwaymen in Seattle.

On Wednesday evening, at Seattle, a young man named Whiting, while walking along the street, was held up by two men and robbed of his silver watch and three dollars and thirty cents in money. He was passing a vacant lot when the robbers, who wore bandana handkerchiefs over their faces, sprung from behind a pile of lumber and covered him with two revolvers. Whiting was then ordered to throw up his hands, and as one of the robbers placed a revolver in close proximity to his head the other went through his pockets. After appropriating his watch and money the men ordered him to move on under the threat of filling him with lead. Whiting lost no time in getting away, and subsequently reported the robbery to police headquarters. The highwaymen have not yet been arrested, however, although one man is detained on suspicion.

Some Tariff Problems.

The lawyers are likely to have some fat fees out of the McKinley bill. According to section 272, eggs are to pay a duty of five cents a dozen. By section 561, eggs of birds, fish and insects come in free. If a hen's egg is not a bird's egg, it may be asked, what is it? It is certainly not a reptile's egg, which alone seems to be excepted from the free list classification. Big cases have arisen out of weaker quibbles. The duty on clapboards, too, is likely to cause a dispute. The clauses read "pine clapboards, one dollar per thousand," and "spruce clapboards, one dollar and a half a thousand." It would be thought that the duty was on a thousand feet, but the words would indicate that it was on a thousand pieces, and this is much under the rate levied on other kinds of sawn lumber. The proceeding articles do not assist one to a better understanding.—Montreal Gazette.

Distinguished Guests.

Governor John McIntyre, of Fort William, one of the pioneers of the H. B. Co.; his son, Mr. Duncan S. McIntyre of Montreal, who represents the largest roller mills in Ontario; Prof. Peter McKellar of Fort William, one of the most prominent mineralogists and geologists in Canada; Mr Donald McKellar, and Mr. W. H. Kelson, general storekeeper of the C.P.R., Montreal, form one party that is now to be found at the Driard. The first gentleman in the list came to this province on his last visit in 1841; he then passed up to Alaska through savage and entirely wild country, and crossed into Russia by Behring's Straits. He wintered in Moscow and then re-crossed the ocean to America, calling at the Sandwich Islands. Again he passed through British Columbia and Alaska, over Behring's Straits and across Russia in Asia and Europe, his long and never-to-be-forgotten trip having occupied exactly two years. He can remember San Francisco when the city consisted of one solitary log hut. Now it is a city than which there are not many greater on the continent.

A RUSSIAN SWINDLER

Defrauds Tailors and Innkeepers in Aristocratic Style—Blanche Society Honors Him.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—There turned up in this city to-day a young man over whom there has been much ado in Boston during the year and a half he has lived there. He says he is a Russian nobleman, Count Romani Zubof. The Boston newspapers have charged in the plainest sort of language that he is a fraud, cheat, and blackleg generally. If he is deserving of all these hard titles he is certainly one of the most picturesque characters that have ever figured in that line of industry.

He was very prominent in society and literary circles, invited the elite to Russian teas and one thing and another, and was "taken up" by such men as W. D. Howells, the Oxthorpes and the Carpenters and introduced into the inner circles of Boston culture.

A thunderbolt came, however, in the spring of the year, when the Boston papers declared at great length that he was a consumate swindler and imposter; that he was no Russian count, but a common, low, everyday defrauder of tailors and innkeepers, with an abnormal talent for ingratiating himself into the graces of people of wealth and position to the end that he might make use of and despoil them. The count says that his stay here is to be short, and society hopes so.

BOODLER M'GARIGLE FLOORED.

Knocked Down in a Chicago Saloon by the Sheriff, Who Thus Got Revenge.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—[Special.]—After a three years' wait Sheriff Mattson has had a little revenge on ex-Chief of Police, ex-County Warden and Boodler McGarigle, who so abused Mattson's confidence by running away to Canada when the sheriff kindly took him home that he might take a bath. Since the compromise of the case and the return of McGarigle to Chicago the two men have never spoken until last night. Sheriff Mattson had been attending the Twenty-first Ward Republican Club meeting at a hall on North Clark street. After the meeting he was standing with Congressman Adams and others in a saloon, when in came McGarigle, the ex-boodler, who walked up to the sheriff and smilingly bade him good evening, and asked him how he was. Mattson glanced at him an instant, and his wrath overpowered him.

"You miserable cur and thief," he yelled; "how dare you speak to me?" and his huge fist flew out and struck McGarigle on the face.

McGarigle went to the floor in a heap, but quickly arose and jumped behind a chair, crying: "Shame, shame, Mattson, I never injured you!"

"You lie; you did, and through you I have had to bear the jeers of my enemies, in silence, too. Keep away from me, or it will go hard with you."

Congressman Adams and one or two others interfered and took Mr. Mattson away. In a few minutes he regained his composure, and, jumping into his buggy, drove off. "I didn't mean to go so far," said the sheriff to-day, "but that fellow's insolence was more than I could stand. He has been the cause of more trouble for me than any other man, and then to come up and offer to shake hands like he did!"

McGarigle was not to be seen to-day.

The FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY STAR, Montreal, has its enormous circulation because it does not encroach upon the local country paper's work. People everywhere find they need the FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY STAR, Montreal, in addition to their own local weekly. The FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY STAR has an enormous staff of high-salaried editors, and spends large sums in gathering general news of the world at large, besides employing money freely in adding to its literary miscellany.

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New Engine and Boiler.

The Albion Iron Works are engaged upon a new engine and boiler for Messrs. Stemler & Earl's spice mills. It will be a return tubular steel boiler of 50 horse-power.

City Council.

Owing to the fact that the joint committee meeting at the city hall last evening was not over until after 9 o'clock, the Council did not transact any business. They will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday to dispose of the business set for last night.

Fire at Friday Harbor.

Fire destroyed a building belonging to Judge Warbass, on Monday night, at Friday Harbor, San Juan Island. His loss is $2,000. The building was formerly used for a fish packing establishment, and at the fire had $2,000 worth of machinery for a grist mill in it. This was also destroyed.

A New Australian Line.

The Seattle Morning Telegram publishes a dispatch from this city, which says that information has been received here that proposals of a wealthy British syndicate are before the Dominion Government for the establishment of a fast steamer line between Australia and Victoria, independent of the Canadian Pacific railroad. The scheme involves a small subsidy.

Supplies for Port Crescent.

The steamer Signal arrived at Port Crescent on Wednesday, four days from San Francisco, with supplies, including 50 tons of steel rails and 15 tons of dynamite powder. The steel rails will be utilized immediately for running cars in constructing the breakwater at the west side of the harbor. The work on the breakwater is progressing rapidly, and with the improved equipment will be still more accelerated.

The Mary Ellen Case.

On account of Collector Milne being prevented by illness from completing the evidence in the Mary Ellen investigation, nothing further was done in that matter yesterday. It is stated that the testimony so far received is in favor of the captain's conduct at the time of the mishap to the schooner, the real matter which the customs authorities are permitted to investigate. Should nothing fresh transpire in evidence, it is anticipated that the insurance money will be paid without further delay.

Yet Another Townsite.

By the steamer Boscowitz a surveying party of five men was sent to Winter harbor, Quatsino Sound, on the East coast of Vancouver Island, by Mr. Devereux, C. E. They will remain there for some time, surveying and mapping out a new townsite, which is said to possess certain distinct and original claims upon public favor. They went well provided with stores, and will employ Indian assistants.

Writing Up the Country.

J. C. Colmeil, a special corrrespondent of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, has been for the past three weeks in Victoria preparing a collection relating to the industries of this city for the well-known paper named, and goes from here to San Francisco. His Victoria article will deal specially with the sealing question, upon which he has procured interviews from those most interested here and the prominent men of the province.

Too Smart For the Detectives.

For the past week or two several American detectives have been making this city their headquarters, it being understood that one of the two Chinamen who successfully robbed a bank at The Dalles, Oregon, was in hiding here. By the time that officers could arrive to identify him, however, the bird had flown, and according to Ah Wing, the city police court interpreter, is now on his way to Shanghai, having gone from here to San Francisco, and from there sailed for Flowery Kingdom with $7,000 of the stolen money in his possession.

Drowned Near San Juan.

A party of five men, living on San Juan Island, are reported to have been drowned some time within the last ten days. Their names are Charles E. Sturgess, Charles Cousins, Michael Deregan, Covington and the latter's son. Only meagre particulars can be obtained at this time. Sturgess was at his brother's house, near Eureka, on October 10, and left there with four others in a boat. Since then their boat, oars and other things have been picked up near Limestone Point, where they were washed ashore. Several persons are now searching for the bodies.

Heir to a Small Fortune.

A letter was received yesterday from Montreal enquiring for a young man named Edward Roland Trivelock, and stating that through the death of his father, who had died intestate, the young man had fallen heir to a small fortune, amounting to between $15,000 and $20,000. Trivelock had quarrelled with his father, who wanted him to enter the ministry, and the young man had been given the choice of fulfilling the wishes of his parent or making his own way in the world. When last heard of he was working in Vancouver as a carpenter.—News-Advertiser.

To Make It Clearer.

Many passengers to Esquimalt yesterday were a little mixed at not finding the green car in waiting at the post office. To make the arrangements clearer, the Fort street cars passing the post office at about 10 minutes before each even hour will convey all passengers for the Esquimalt line to the power station, Rock Bay bridge. If the destination of the passenger is Victoria West, a fare of 5 cents will be collected and a transfer check given; if Esquimalt is the destination the passenger will be carried free on the car to the station.

Iona Social Club.

Last night a number of young men of Victoria met at Mr. McMartin's, Douglas street, with the object of forming a social club, and devising means to carry it on. Mr. W. J. Drysdale occupied the choir. After some preliminary discussion a club was formed with the following officers:—President, W. J. Drysdale; vice-president, G. D. McMartin; secretary-treasurer, J. Hyland. Committee—R. W. Clark, C. L. Cullin and W. R. Chestney, with the officers. It is intended to meet every other Thursday for social enjoyment. The parties interested have made up their minds that their undertaking shall be a success.

Poultry and Pet Stock Association.

Last night the weekly meeting of the British Columbia Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held in the office of Messrs. Dalby, Ballentyne & Claxton. Dr. Milne presided, and there was a good attendance. Committees were appointed to prepare a prize list and to make arrangements for the show, also to solicit contributions for special prizes. The prize list will unquestionably be much larger than in former years, rendered necessary by the new varieties of birds and poultry which are coming to the front. In all probability the exhibition will be held the week before Christmas, in the Philharmonic Hall. The meeting was adjourned till next Thursday instead of Friday on account of the Naval Ball.

Vancouver's Water Supply.

In comparison with other cities, Victorians have reason to feel satisfied with their water supply. The city of Vancouver is still without water, the damage to the dam by the recent rains not being yet repaired, and the News-Advertiser says: The continuances in the failure of the supply is now becoming very serious, and unless it comes to an end to-day great inconvenience to many and serious loss to some companies and individuals will ensue. The large tanks which have alone enabled some of the mills to continue running, are now becoming exhausted, while many citizens are now without water in their cisterns. The mayor has requested the city engineer to proceed to the dam on Capilano Creek to-day to ascertain there be no signs of resumption of the service, and report as to the actual state of affairs.

Not Here Now.

Chief of Police Sheppard, yesterday, received a letter from the Chief of Portland, requesting him to look out for a Tacoma embezzler named Joseph Kray, who also assumed the alias of J. Straussen among others. The description was given of a fair-haired German, about 40 years of age, six feet in height and weighing about 230 pounds. He was accused of absconding with funds of the Donau Brewing Co., taking with him a rather handsome young woman of his own nationality, whom he called his wife. She was not, however; the only Mrs. Kray having been deserted and left alone without money, went home to her parents at Chicago. It has been learned that the embezzler deserted his female companion here, and she is now an inmate of a house of bad reputation. The man went from this city to Blaine, Washington.

The Westminster Election.

Mr. W. H. Ladner, one of the candidates for the representation of Westminster district in the Provincial Legislature, is out with a card, in which he describes his policy as being to favor measures to advance the interests of Westminster district and the province at large, to select men; the equitable re-adjustment of seats; discreet members to be consulted as to appropriations and appointments, of which a fair share must be distributed; lands to be disposed of to actual settlers only; liberal appropriations to be made for public works, done by contract; appropriations to municipalities to be expended by the councils; liberal allowances for public schools, and assistance to be granted in the reclamation of overflowed lands.

NOTES FROM SPALLUMCHEEN.

Mr. H. Abbott, general superintendent, and R. Marpole, superintendent, with Contractor Patterson, inspected the line of the S. & O. railway this week, and selected locations for stations.

E. C. Cargill & Co. have started on their contract of clearing eight miles of right-of-way of the railway. It is understood that no track will be laid till April, 1891. Grading is going on.

Mining this year has turned out pretty well in the Okanagan district.

F. H. Ormsby has finished his contract on the government bridge on Mission creek.

Hon. F. G. Vernon, chief commissioner of lands and works, has let the contract for building large stables and cattle sheds to T. Morgan & Co. The price will be about $1,000.

C. Lawson's ranch at Vernon was sold to Judge Spinks a few days ago for $15,000.

The weather is clear and bright, with nights cool; genuine typical interior weather for this season of the year.—Enderby, Oct. 17.

SAFE AND SOUND.

The Missing Lineman, Dubois, Returns to Camp—Officer Lewis Returns Without His Man.

The Dominion steamer Sir James Douglas returned from Cape Beale and other West coast points, last evening, reporting the weather at the Cape moderately fine when she called, although it had been extremely rough during the past few weeks. Lineman Dubois, caretaker of the wire to San Juan harbor, who was reported lost in the woods, has returned safely to Carmanah Point. He had wandered about in the forest for nine days, but finally made his way back to camp unaided.

On Friday the Douglas anchored off Carmanah Point, one of the objects of her trip being to obtain the Indian shot on the evening of months ago by Jailer Allen, and for whose evidence the case against that officer is being remanded from week to week. The patient, who was in a bad condition, when last seen, was reported to much better, but his friends positively refused to allow him to be taken to Victoria; and, as there was an unusually large number of Indians at the Point, Officer Lewis was compelled to come back without him.

Contractor Frost, and two men in a small boat, were fallen in with on Tuesday near Jordan river, making their way to Victoria. Both men and boat were taken on board the steamer, where they remained until the steamer reached port last night. Mr. Cox, keeper of the Cape Beale light, was also a passenger up.

NEWS FROM THE ORIENT.

Survivors of the Ertogroul—Cholera Disappears From Yokohama.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—[Per steamer City of Pekin, from China and Japan.]—The survivors of the wrecked Turkish frigate Ertogroul will be sent home in two Japanese men-of-war.

The excitement in Japan over treaty revision has somewhat quieted, but precautions are still being taken for the safety of foreigners.

No date has yet been fixed for the opening of the Imperial Diet.

A number of government nominees have been appointed in the house of peers.

Cholera is gradually disappearing, and Yokohama is said to be practically free from it. There had been 34,000 cases and 23,000 deaths up to October 7th.

The steamer Peking brought to-day 162 cases of prepared opium, amounting to 6,642 pounds, the value of which is $132,840, and the duty $80,000. This is the largest lot which has come here for a long time.

The Victoria Building Society will hold a drawing for another appropriation on Friday evening next.

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The Re-Opening.

Two weeks from to-day the formal re-opening of the First Presbyterian church will take place, all the services being especially interesting. The church is much enlarged and thoroughly renovated, and is practically a new building.

Lost and Found.

During the past week a pocket book containing a considerable sum of money and a gold watch, were both advertised in the lost columns of THE COLONIST. The former was returned, with all its content, to the owner; the latter was found by one of the laborers working for Tim Kee, and returned by his employer to this office. The moral is obvious.

To Rebuild the Organ.

Mr. Felix F. Schoenstein, organ builder of San Francisco, is expected daily to entirely rebuild the organ of Christ Church cathedral. It is to be taken apart, cleaned, revoiced, regulated in action and enlarged—practically rebuilt. This will be its first overhauling since 1870, it having nobly done its work for twenty years without requiring any attention.

Building in Vancouver.

Assistant Commissioner T. R. Smith, of the Hudson's Bay Co., is having plans prepared for a large and handsome retail establishment at the corner of Granville and George street, Vancouver, opposite the hotel bearing the city's name. Construction will be commenced, it is expected, early next spring.

A Post Office Change.

Miss Howard, postmistress of Esquimalt, who has long discharged the duties of her position with general satisfaction to the public, has tendered her resignation as a servant of the P. O. department. In consequence of this action Mr. Pearce, grocer, has received the appointment, his duties to commence on November 1st.

Naming the Streets.

The citizens of Nanaimo are loudly demanding that more effective means be taken to indicate the names of the streets. Here the people are about as badly off as they are at Nanaimo in this particular. There are many streets whose corners do not bear the names by which they ought to be known, and in consequence it is hard, not only for strangers, but even for residents, to satisfy themselves as to where they really are, or how they are steering their course for a given point.

A Measure of Precaution.

In consequence of the statement that the draw of the Rock Bay bridge has been pronounced not sufficiently strong to sustain the weight of the tram-cars, they will not cross that portion of the structure hereafter until it has been pronounced safe by the city engineer. Passengers from the city will be carried by the Port street cars to the south end of the draw and there transferred to the Esquimalt flyers on the other side; and the same course will be followed on the return trips.

Late Excursionists.

Probably the last Raymond party of the season, a small one, however, arrived from the Sound last evening, in charge of Mr. Horace P. Kent, and is to be found at the Driard. The tourists hail from New York and Connecticut, and include the following: Mrs. M. G. Chaeffer, Mrs. F. S. Harris, Mrs. H. C. Jewett, Mrs. Mary A. Kennedy, Mr. E. Kimball and wife, Miss Kimball, Mrs. C. A. Cunningham, Mrs. L. French, Mr. Carl D. French and Mr. J. Emory French.

With Naval Honors.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the funeral of the late William Lucke, of H. M. S. Daphne, took place from the naval hospital. All the officers and the ship's company of the Daphne, a firing party of Royal Marines from the Warspite, and a portion of the flagship's crew, with a few citizen friends of the deceased, accompanied the remains to the grave, where services were conducted by the chaplain of the flagship. Then the usual volley was fired over the newly made mound, and the last farewells were taken of a genial and kind-hearted comrade and a true young Englishman.

The Westminster Campaign.

The first meeting held by the candidates nominated at Brownsville, on Thursday, for the vacant seat in the representation of the Westminster district, was held at noon on Friday, at Port Moody, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. S. Greer, W. H. Ladner, C. E. Sword and Capt. Thompson. The chair was occupied by Col. Scott, Mr. W. S. Lehman discharging the duties of secretary. From Port Moody the candidates went to Agassiz, where a meeting was called at 4 o'clock, and thence to Chilliwhack, where the evening was spent.

Deep Sea Fishing.

A company has been formed in New Westminster to enter extensively into the deep sea fishing industry. Mr. James A. Laidlaw, Mr. W. H. Vianen and several other citizens of the Royal City are at the head of the new firm, which will be known as the Pioneer Deep Sea Fishing Company. Stations will be established on Mayne Island and Queen Charlotte Islands, the former for supplying the local demand and the latter for the export trade. Two steamers will be purchased immediately and it is expected organization will be well advanced within 30 days.—Columbian.

The New China Steamships.

It is understood that the following gentlemen have been selected as commanders of the new Canadian Pacific Railway steamers: Crpt. Marshall takes the Empress of India; Capt. Lee, lately of the Abyssinia, the Empress of China, and Capt. Wilson, the Empress of Japan. It was Capt. Marshall who brought the pioneer China-Japan steamer, the Abyssinia, into Vancouver, and it is but fitting that he should command the pioneer of the new fleet, the Empress of India.—World.

Alberta and British Columbia.

According to Rev. A. E. Green, Methodist minister at Wellington, who has just returned from Alberta, a short distance from Calgary, there is a very strong feeling in that section in favor of a union between Alberta and British Columbia, and it is probable the matter in question will be brought up at the next session of the Dominion Parliament. Besides, the more favorable climate and other conditions of this Province have led many settlers in those parts to seriously consider the feasibility of selling out and coming to the coast.

Wilson-Neil.

Ralph Wilson, of New Westminster, brother of Mr. James Wilson, Superintendent of the C. P. R. and Postal Telegraph lines, was on Friday night united in marriage to Miss Julia Neil by the Rev. Mr. Thompson, at the residence of Alderman Shiles, in the Royal City. The wedding was a quiet but a very pretty one. The bride looked charmingly becoming in her attire. She is deservedly popular, as is also her husband. The wedding presents were numerous and costly. Their many friends wish the young people the fullest measure of happiness down the stream of life.

A Murderer Surrenders.

On Friday, the Indian Slumagh, who murdered the half-breed Louis Bee, in cold blood some time ago at Pitt Lake, was brought to Westminster and lodged in the provincial jail by Mr. P. McTiernan, the Indian agent. On Thursday last Slumagh, tired and weary of his wanderings in the woods in the vicinity of the locality in which the murder took place, gave himself up to the Indians who had been engaged by the Indian agent to effect his capture. He came to their camp in an exhausted state, not having tasted food for many days. Slumagh was in a very low condition at a late hour Friday night, and although every possible care is being taken of him the physicians are not sure whether he will recover or not.

Ground for Complaint.

Complaints are becoming to a frequent to be pleasant regarding the fast riding of fire department horses through the public streets. Several narrow escapes are already recorded, and on Friday the attention of Chief Deasy was directed to the matter by Mayor Grant. The chief promised to see that proper care was taken in exercising the horses in future, but his admonition to those who have charge of the teams was evidently not as effective as it should have been. A lady, with two little children, called on THE COLONIST yesterday afternoon to protest against the same furious driving, stating that she had barely escaped being knocked down at the corner of Broad and Johnson streets by the black team only a few minutes before. She is anxious to know if firemen exercising their steeds are not just as much under the control of the police as other people who transgress the law against too fast riding or driving on the streets.

A Mystery Solved.

A little more than two weeks ago the finding of a marine's cap and stick near the Johnson street slip, and the disappearance about the same time of a man named Ingroy belonging to H.M.S. Champion, left the belief that some accident had befallen him. Search was made for the missing man, but no later news could be obtained than that he was at the Club Theatre, a little under the influence of liquor, the night previous to the finding of his cap. Later in the afternoon confirmation was had to the supposition that he had been drowned, by the finding of his body floating in the outer harbor by a son of Lieut.-Col. Holmes. The little fellow was out rowing at the time, and instead of returning to shore and reporting what he had seen, as the majority of his elders even would have done, he bravely approached with his boat until he could fasten a rope around the neck of the corpse, which he towed to Capt. H. G. Lewis' boat house. The provincial police were then given possession of the body, which now lies at Storey's undertaking rooms awaiting the result of the coroner's inquest, to be held at 10 a.m. to-morrow. The body bears the marks not only of long exposure to the action of the water, but it has been frightfully cut and beaten, probably by the wheel of some steamer, by which the clothes also have been partially torn from the body. The supposition is that the deceased fell into the harbor near one of the Sound steamers, and was carried beneath it, the body remaining there until the steamer started, and the wheels pummelled it almost to pieces.

THE PORT ANGELES TRIP.

No British Consul There Renders it Impossible to Clear a Canadian Vessel.

The proposed excursion to Port Angeles by steamer Princess Louise was, as is now known, prevented by the fact of there being no British consular agent at Port Angeles. In order for a British vessel to enter at that point, it is necessary, as previously visit Port Townsend, which would be difficult to do with an excursion of the kind contemplated, on account of the distance between the two places. American clearance paper—and the only one much resembles it—certifies the master of the vessel, having exhibited to the consul the clearance of his vessel to the proper authorities of the port, believed to have left the register and papers of his vessel, which have been deposited in the consulate. The act of navigation is, with vessels which make regular trips, a mere fiction, nevertheless the certificate has to be obtained on every occasion of leaving port. Possibly the practice is necessary in the days of pirates, and in certain contingencies it would be important that such regulations be fully acted up to; and, therefore, ought not to be abolished, but it is asked if it is not possible that some international arrangement might be arrived at by which much of what seems at present appears to be unnecessary red tape might be avoided in so far as concerns the relations between this country and Canada on the Sound, with which thus far our business relations are not of such importance as to render really necessary the appointment of a consular staff. In the meantime petition is being circulated asking for the appointment of a British consul at Port Angeles, which is a sub-port of Port Townsend.

A VERY CLOSE CALL.

Mr. John Dooley the Victim of a Serious Accident Yesterday.

Mr. John Dooley, one of the best known pioneers of Victoria, met with an accident yesterday morning that came within an ace of terminating his life in a peculiarly painful manner. He was leaving the yard opposite his premises on Yates street, seated on a load of hay, when one of the horses slipped, and Mr. Dooley fell, head foremost, with it. He was caught between the wheel and the body of the wagon, and was not brought to a standstill until the wheel had completed about fifteen revolutions. Then the unfortunate victim of the accident was extricated, and carried to his own home. His face and body were covered with blood, and an investigation showed that the back portion of the head was almost ground away, exposing the brain, not fracturing, the skull; one eye was missing by a strip of skin only, and the nose was torn from the chin to the apple of the eye, with many bruises and abrasions, besides the injuries. Medical help was at once, with all possible haste, and everything possible done to increase the comfort of the patient and expedite his restoration to strength and activity. It is possible that his condition is very serious, and while there is every reason to hope that fatal results need scarcely be feared, the age of the injured man will certainly prevent his very rapid recovery. He is resting easily last night, his condition being as favorable as could be expected under the trying circumstances.

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