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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Umatilla's Passengers.

The steamship Umatilla left San Francisco yesterday morning with the following passengers for Victoria: Mrs. T. R. Thane, E. Hirsch, R. Ward and wife, J. C. Wheat, D. H. Reed, J. Purges, J. J. Austin, wife and daughter, N. H. Sylves, W. Cassidy, Mrs. Mirset and two children.

A Fisheries Company.

The "Vancouver Fisheries Company, Ld.," has been organized at Vancouver with a capital of $100,000, of which $25,000 is to be the first issue. Half of this sum has already been subscribed. A board of provisional directors has been appointed to take steps to incorporate the company.

China Steamers.

Senator Macdonald gave notice in the Senate that he will enquire whether the contract for the contemplated trans-Pacific steamship service between British Columbia, Japan and China will provide for landing and receiving mails and passengers at the ports of Victoria or Esquimalt on each inward and outward voyage.

The Vancouver Smelter.

The smelter at Vancouver was started up for the first time on Thursday. The blast was put in at 12:30 and the furnaces ran from that time until 7 o'clock, giving entire satisfaction. At 7 o'clock a fire occurred in some of the joists under the feed floor, but owing to the admirable arrangements for fire protection, the blaze was extinguished in a few minutes.

The Public Library.

Several prominent citizens have expressed their willingness to follow the good example set by Mr. T. J. Galpin, and assist the public library with liberal donations. One Wharf street merchant has offered $100 cash, and another $50. Smaller sums are also offered, and it is plainly evident that when the library is in operation it will be liberally supported by the citizens.

Adrift in the Straits.

The tug J. E. Boyden arrived at Port Townsend on Thursday, and reported having found a boat adrift in the Straits. The boat is painted black all over, and measures 16 feet long. The little craft contained nothing but four oars and a loaf of bread. Nothing could be found to tell who the owner of the boat was. At the time it was found a pretty high sea was running, and it is supposed that the occupant or occupants were drowned.

Drowned in the Straits.

The following particulars of the loss of the sloop Eureka have been received: The vessel left Port Townsend on Thursday for Port Discovery, in charge of Henry McAlmond. He was advised to postpone his trip owing to the unfavorable weather. This sensible caution, however, was not minded, and the sloop started on its journey. The sloop while off Point Wilson capsized, and it is supposed all the occupants met a watery grave.

The Nine-Hour Movement.

The brick-layers, stone-masons and stone-cutters of the city, waited upon the employers yesterday with reference to the nine-hour movement. The contractors all agreed to the scheme, which is to go into effect on April 1st. The contractor of the Royal Jubilee Hospital, having in hand a large contract, asked his employes to extend the time to May 1st before commencing the nine-hour shift. This the men promptly agreed to, and both employers and employes are well pleased with the new movement.

A Fool and His Money.

James Fraser, of Fort Gratiot, Mich., came to the Pacific coast in October last with $3,000, which he intended investing in farming land. Thinking that he would be acting wisely in looking about him before making any purchases, he settled in Seattle, intending, as he says, to "keep his eye open for a good chance." Meeting several young men whose friendship he soon formed, he was induced to gamble a little, and in two weeks the $3,000 had disappeared. Last night Fraser sought a night's lodging in the Victoria police cells.

An Opposition Steamship.

An important change is announced in the Pacific Coast steamship lines. The charters of the steamers City of Pueblo and Pomona have expired. These vessels are owned by Capt. J. N. Knowles and others, of San Francisco, and were chartered by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company for a period which expired on Thursday. The City of Pueblo, which under the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. has been running south, will now be run on the Victoria and Puget Sound route, and the Pomona will run as usual, leaving on the same day to Eureka. The sailing day, of the City of Pueblo will be Friday. The general supposition in regard to a new line is that it is simply a bid for a higher charter.

The Propagation of Lobsters.

Judge Swan, of the United States fish commission, who was the guest of Mr. H. Saunders yesterday, stated to a COLONIST representative, in conversation last evening, that on the 22nd ult. he planted 250 fine lobsters in the vicinity of Port Townsend. The lobsters were brought from Tacoma by the direction of the U. S. fish commission and planted, some at Scow Bay and some at Point Wilson. They were all in splendid condition. Some measured 16 inches, while none were less than 8 inches in length. All were full of eggs. Lobster eggs to the number of 650,000 were also planted at Scow Bay and Point Wilson. "It will require four or five years," remarked the judge, "for the lobsters to mature for the market. When they are first hatched they swim freely, and are carried by the tides, and thus properly distributed." The naval commission appointed by the U. S. government to select a suitable site for a naval station, will be in Port Townsend to-day, and Judge Swan leaves by this morning's boat to meet them.

The Hospital Bill.

The general committee of the Royal Jubilee Hospital have received a draft of the Jubilee Hospital Bill, prepared by the Hon. Attorney-General. The preamble of the act cites the circumstances under which the work was undertaken, and the objects of the Bill. Clause 1 of the act reads as follows:—

All persons who have already subscribed, and all persons who, after the passing of this act, shall subscribe to the erection and completion of the hospital, and who after the passing of this act and the completion of the said hospital, shall contribute to the support of the said hospital, and all persons who, after the completion of the said hospital, shall contribute to the support of the said institution for so long and during such time as they shall continue to be contributors to the support of the said institution, and also all persons who shall have paid or shall hereafter pay towards either the erection, completion or support of said hospital, shall be, from the time of the passing of this act, subject to the provisions in this act contained, a body corporate by the name of the Jubilee Hospital.

Presbytery Meeting.

A meeting of the Presbytery was held at Vancouver in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday morning, all the visiting clergymen being present. Delegates from Richmond were heard from relative to mission work. Rev. R. McKay was appointed to the mission at Ladner's Landing. Mr. Toms made application to be admitted as a theological student. The Revs. T. G. Thomson and McLaren and Elder J. M. Browning were appointed a committee to examine his credentials and report at the next meeting of Presbytery, to be held at Victoria on the 6th of March.

Clover Point Rifle Range.

Owing to a misunderstanding between a few of the volunteers and Mr. Henley, the latter has declined to renew the lease of the ground on which the range is situated. This is to be regretted, but no other course was left to the proprietor, who has taken the step in self defense. It is to be hoped that a compromise will be arrived at, as it is hardly fair that all should be made to suffer through the untoward action of a few. No other range possessing such advantages as the one at Clover Point can be found within five miles of the city, and unless some range is provided for rifle shooting, the volunteers stand a very poor chance of continuing their present organization.

National Tramway Co.

A meeting of the subscribers to the stock of the above company was held in Harmony Hall last evening; Mr. D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., in the chair, and Mr. M. H. Cowan acting as secretary. The bylaws of the company were read and adopted, and a resolution was passed ordering that the franchise of the city, at present held in trust by Hon. J. H. Turner, be handed over to the directors of the company. The chairman reported that the amount of stock already subscribed exceeded $40,000. Several gentlemen present took up additional shares during the evening, and the meeting adjourned after passing the usual votes of thanks to chairman and secretary.

Music and Drama.

Seldom has a more satisfactory entertainment been given in Philharmonic Hall than that presented last evening under the auspices of St. Joseph's Social and Literary Society. Everybody was satisfied—the members of the society, because the attendance could not have been better; the audience, because the programme left nothing to be desired. The musical and literary numbers comprising "part 1" of the programme were received with well deserved and generous applause in the following order: Overture, orchestra; song, serenade by G. Jensin, Miss A. Shaw; recitation, "The Letter of Death," Miss Hyams (encored); song, "Out of the Mist," Mr. W. R. Higgins; cornet solo, Sergt. Proctor; song, "The Song that reached my Heart," Miss C. Cameron (encored); song, "*Les Rameaux*," Mr. C. F. Olivier (encored); overture, orchestra. The serio-comic drama, "Dearer than Life," constituted "part II." and was presented in a style that would not have been discreditable to professional talent. Each and every part was well sustained, although Staff Sergt. Mellon, in the leading *role*, received the major share of the plaudits. The other members of the cast were Messrs. D. F. Fee, Jr., Edwin C. Smith, Wm. H. Phelps, S. J. Latham, A. McDonald, Miss A. Jamieson, Miss A. Shaw and Miss F. O'Brien. St. Joseph's society, and more especially the energetic committee of management, Messrs. Fee, Smith, Phelps, Mellon and McDonald; the musical director, Prof. Agius, and the capable manager, Mr. Fee, are deserving of the thanks of lovers of healthy amusement in this city. We can only say "*Encore*."

HOSPITAL MATTERS.

Conference Between a Deputation from the City Council and the Jubilee Hospital Board.

Yesterday morning the general committee of the Jubilee Hospital assembled in the Board of Trade rooms to confer with a deputation from the city council in respect to the erection of a quarantine hospital on the grounds of the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Mayor Grant and Dr. Milne, city health officer, appeared on behalf of the council, and the following members of the hospital committee were in attendance. Mr. Justice Crease, R. P. Rithet, Jno. Teague, J. H. Todd, Chas. Hayward, D. M. Eberts, Dr. McNaughton Jones, J. Stuart Yates, Joshua Davies, Alex Wilson, W. M. Chudley, James Fell and others.

In the absence of the president, Mr. James Fell was voted to the chair.

Mayor Grant explained that the object of Dr. Milne and himself was to ascertain from the committee of the Jubilee Hospital, if they had any intention of erecting and maintaining a separate hospital for small-pox patients, and if such was the intention, to ascertain if the council could make arrangements with the committee for the admittance of city patients, in which case some agreement might be made whereby the city would contribute a yearly sum towards the maintenance of the quarantine hospital, and probably vote a sum towards the construction of the Jubilee Hospital. But before this could be legally done, power would have to be obtained from the Legislature.

Dr. Milne said although public opinion was opposed to having a quarantine hospital on the grounds, there could be no objection from a medical standpoint. The proposed hospital, being intended merely for small-pox and other contagious diseases, would be seldom in use.

Dr. McNaughton Jones said the main question was: Is it desirable to have smallpox patients inside the Jubilee Hospital grounds at all?

Mr. J. H. Todd understood it was the general practice to have quarantine hospitals isolated.

Mr. Rithet said common sense dictated that the two hospitals should be disconnected.

Mr. Alex. Wilson was strongly opposed to having a smallpox hospital on the same grounds. To erect a quarantine hospital there would also affect the property in the neighborhood, and there is now a likelihood of that portion of the city being built up rapidly.

Mr. Justice Crease said the general feeling of the community was against having a quarantine hospital in such close proximity to the general hospital, and the proposition should not for one moment be entertained. It would be in opposition to the wishes of the people, and would undoubtedly depreciate the value of the surrounding property.

Mr. Fell was also opposed to the scheme. He said it would be the means of driving away paying patients from the Jubilee Hospital, as those who could afford it would certainly not pay for treatment in an hospital when infectious diseases were treated close by. But although the proposition could not be entertained, it need not deter the civic board from giving what assistance was in their power, as the citizens would like to see hearty support given to the Jubilee Hospital.

On motion of Mr. Rithet, seconded by Mr. Alex. Wilson, the Board decided that the proposition to erect a small-pox hospital on the grounds could not be entertained.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the consideration of the draft bill for the regulation of the hospital was adjourned for one week.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

GOING THE PACE.

An Incident of Midnight Life—Rumored Divorce Proceedings.

For some months past a number of choice spirits have been turning night into day, and during that time have not been following the precepts set down by the wise man long ago for the guidance of young men. In fact their wanton dissipation is the talk of the street, and some of them have been put down as undesirable visitors at the houses of leading society people. Several complications have resulted as a consequence, and a slugging match indulged in. But the climax was arrived at the other night, it is said, when a young married man, who was perhaps the leader of the company, while at the house of one of the *demi monde*, was suddenly made aware of the fact that a policeman, his wife and a gentleman friend were desirous of seeing him. It is almost needless to chronicle that he disappeared as quickly as possible from the house by the back door, not taking time to clothe himself in his usually faultless attire.

It is also stated, though there seems to have been a great deal of secrecy observed in the matter, that on Wednesday last application was made in the chambers by the wife for separation or divorce, on account of non-support and infidelity on the part of the lord (?) of creation who was bound to protect and cherish her. Particulars cannot be secured, owing to the practice in this province of preventing the press from having access to law chambers, or hearing what has been transacted therein.

The other young men have no marital ties to prevent them from "having their fling," and it is regretable to say that they have been pursuing a course inconsistent with common morality or common decency. It would be perhaps cruel to bring their names into public notoriety through the press, but were half the offence that some have been guilty of, been committed by individuals of lesser social distinction, they would ere this have had the unpleasant sensation of reading their names in print. It is hoped that they will not too strictly follow the path of the prodigal, but will turn aside from the evil of their ways before they get down to the pork and husks.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The quartz mills committee will meet at the legislative building this morning.

Victoria Building society will hold its fourth appropriation drawing at Harmony Hall on Friday evening next, Feb. 22d.

Senator Macdonald is a member of the following Senate committees: Railways, telegraphs and harbors; standing orders and private bills; select committee on divorce.

Mr. John Cameron, of this city, desires to state that he is in no way related to or identified with M. Cameron, who skipped from Seattle a few days ago to avoid arrest for forgery.

Some malicious rascal threw a large stone at a member of the Salvation Army as he was entering the barracks on Fort Street last evening. It missed the man but broke a window a few feet away.

PERSONAL.

Judge Swan, of Port Townsend, is in the city.

E. Crow Baker, M. P., leaves Ottawa for Victoria this evening.

J. J. Austin and wife are among the Umatilla's passengers.

T. Davie, M. P. P., left on a business trip to the mainland yesterday.

Robert Ward and Mrs. Ward are passengers on board the Umatilla, homeward bound.

Paul Bocion, formerly of Victoria, and now a wealthy resident of Cheney, W. T., is in the city shaking hands with his many old friends.

E. B. Muffley, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway, is in town, and will remain here a few days in the interest of his company.

C. W. Johnson, superintendent; B. Campbell, general freight agent; W. Robinson, traveling freight agent, and W. R. Mackenzie, traveling auditor, all of the C. R. & N. Co., came over by the steamer North Pacific last evening and returned to Puget Sound this morning.

CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M.)

John James Judson stood all alone in the Police Court dock yesterday. He was charged with being drunk and thereby creating a disturbance, a fact which he did not deny.

"Where did you come from?" enquired the Court.

"Tacoma."

"Where is your home?"

"East."

"How long have you been in Victoria?"

"Thirteen years."

The "stranger" was fined the usual $5.

MARINE.

Steamer Sardonyx will leave this evening at 6 o'clock for Port Simpson and way ports.

Steamship Wellington, with 2600 tons of Wellington coal, sailed for San Francisco on Thursday.

Ship Wilna, with 2300 tons of coal, left for San Francisco yesterday, being towed to sea by the tug Sea Lion.

Steamship Idaho, Capt. Hunter, arrived at Nanaimo from Alaska on Thursday last, and left immediately for Port Townsend. Capt. Hunter reports very little snow in Alaska.

ONE might talk for hours, and yet not deliver so impressive a temperance lecture as is credited to General Harrison, the president-elect, by an American contemporary: At a public meeting given to General Harrison before the election, one of the guests, rather conspicuously, "drank to his heath." The general pledged his toast by drinking water. Another gentleman offered a toast and said: General, will you favor me by drinking a glass of wine?" The general in a very gentlemanly way begged to be excused. He was again urged to join in a glass of wine. This was too much. He rose from his seat and said, in a most dignified manner: "Gentlemen, I have twice refused to partake of this wine-cup. I hope that will be sufficient. Though you press the matter ever so much, not a drop shall pass my lips. I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink. That vow I have never broken. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated at college together. The other sixteen members of my class now fill drunkards' graves—and all from the pernicious habit of wine drinking. I owe all my health, my happiness and prosperity to that resolution. Would you urge me to break it now?" The effect on the company may be imagined.

Consumption Surely Cured.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. address. Respectfully,

DR. T. A. SLOCUM,
37 Yonge street, Toronto, Ont.
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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Fire Near Ladner's Landing.

The residence of Robert McKee, five miles from Ladner's Landing, was destroyed by fire on Thursday afternoon. Loss $2,000. The insurance was only $900.

Northward Bound.

Among the passengers bound for the north by the Sardonyx, which sailed last evening, were: Fred Risbid and wife, W. Williscroft, W. H. Dempster and wife, Miss Chaloner, Allan Lewis, W. Atkinson, Officer Redgrave, Ernest Pierson, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Fraser, R. Cunningham, Mrs. Cuthbert.

Howe He Got Wet.

A sailor named Howe fell into the water last night while trying to step on board the Etta White, now lying at Spratt's wharf. As he rose to the surface Howe managed to seize hold of a rope, and held on until Mr. McCahill, the wharfinger, arrived and hauled him back to earth.

The Late Jas. D. Reid.

Mr. David Reid, with the remains of his brother, the late James D. Reid, is on board the steamship Umatilla, due from San Francisco this evening. The funeral of the deceased young gentleman will take place on Wednesday from the residence of Mr. Thornton Fell, No. 29 Cadboro Bay road.

A Ghoul at Work.

It is stated that during the past month, some sacreligious antiquarian who in his insatiable longing for relics seems to be forgetful of every sense of honor and decency, has on several occasions robbed the graves upon the Indian reservation, carrying away several skulls. If the desecrator of the graves of their people falls into the hands of the angry Indians, he will receive no mercy.

Rock Creek Quartz.

Mr. Morris Moss has received from the Carbonate Mine at Rock Creek half a ton of fine looking ore, evidently rich in silver. It will probably be treated at the Vancouver smelter if the company are in a position to work, and it is thought that they will be. Mr. Moss received some samples of gold bearing quartz from a twenty-foot ledge, which will be assayed. If it is as good as it appears, it will return big things.

Nanaimo's New Theatre.

Mr. John Mahrer of Nanaimo is a man who is never slow to appreciate the requirements of the Black Diamond City, and always read to advance the interests of the busy little place by every means in his power. He has had plans prepared by Messrs. Fisher and Wilson, of this city, and will at once commence the erection of a handsome brick block, three storeys in height, to cost in the neighborhood of $20,000, and which will be fitted up as a first-class theatre, as well as providing sufficient room for stores and offices.

Beacon Hill Park.

Yesterday afternoon, Ald. Styles, who takes a great interest in beautifying Beacon Hill Park, and especially the pretty little sheet of water near the band stand, placed in the lake one hundred speckled trout. The fish are at present only a few inches in length, and were obtained at Elk Lake. If they thrive, it is the intention of the park committee to obtain a further supply, and will stock the beautiful little lake with the trout. Parties visiting the lake are requested to keep dogs out of the water. Many other improvements to the park are contemplated during the year, so as to make it as attractive to visitors as possible.

The Texada Mining Company.

The above company has been incorporated to carry on a general mining business in the province with its chief place of business at Nanaimo, and its promoters are Messrs. J. E. Jenkins, C. R. Miller, Richard Prouse, Alexander Easson, Wm. Tree and George Tippet, of which Messrs. J. J. Jenkins, Richard Prouse and C. R. Miller are the trustees. The amount of the capital stock of the company is $75,000, divided into 750 shares of $100 each. The claims controlled by this company, located on Texada Island, consist of twenty-five, amongst which are the Golden Slipper, Dalkeith, Devon Great Consul, Blue Bird, The Old Flag, John Paswon, British Queen and Prince of Wales.—*Courier.*

The Jubilee Hospital.

Mr. W. S. Gore, surveyor-general, in company with Ex-Mayor Fell, Mr. W. Chudley, hon. secretary Jubilee Hospital, and Mr. John Teague, architect, yesterday afternoon visited the Jubilee hospital grounds on the Richmond road. A great deal of work has already been accomplished in clearing and locating the foundations, while the masonry and brick work on a couple of pavilion wings is well on the way. A much greater advance would have been made had not the weather become unfavorabe. About thirty-five men are altogether employed, fourteen of these being stone masons. Messrs. Elford & Smith mean business, and the walls of the building will soon be looming up. The stone for foundation work is picked up and blasted from deposits on the site.

Real Estate Sales.

The activity in real estate still continues, with a steadily increasing rise in prices, which shows that the present brisk condition of the market is the result of substantial improvement, and not of any really detrimental boom. Mr. Frank G. Richards yesterday disposed of $3,500 worth of property in James Bay, and several other important transfers in this locality will be completed on Monday. On the Work Estate, three lots, valued at $1,000, changed hands. Messrs. Wilson and Dalby disposed of five lots at the corner of Yates street and Fernwood Road. $3,000 being the amount of money changing hands in the sale. Mr. R. Maynard on Saturday also purchased a house and lot on Pandora street, near Douglas, the amount of consideration being in the neighborhood of $1,500.

A Fruitless Journey.

A despatch from London, Ont., says:—Society in this city has been all agog over a wedding that did not take place the other day, although the intended bride had come all the way from Victoria, B. C., to carry out the contract. The interested parties are Miss Juliet Eaton Bodington, and Mr. Thomas Martin, musical director of the Hellmuth Ladies' College. Mr. Martin met Miss Bodington about six years ago in British Columbia, and after an ardent courtship was accepted. When he came to this city, the correspondence was regular and frequent, and the arrangements which were made for the wedding entailed a journey across the continent to this city by the prospective bride. But for four years without seeing each other makes a difference, but what that difference is the parties have kept to themselves. The wedding was to take place at the residence of Mrs. Moore, the well-known musician. The minister was engaged and invitations issued, but within three hours of the ceremony Mr. Wm. Barron, who was to have been best man, went around and notified all concerned that the affair was off. The sensation that followed was tremendous.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

Local and General Happenings Gathered Up and Presented in Readable Shape.

Henry Healey took a cold dip from Rock Bay bridge yesterday morning. He was rescued by Mr. A. E. Ackerman.

The Y.M.C.A. boys announce a "Night in Camp" for Tuesday evening. Music will be provided and refreshments served.

The Western Hotel was purchased from Mr. Deans by Mr. Shewan, formerly drayman at the A. I. Works, for the sum of $2,350.

Mrs. Dickinson's dancing class entertained their friends and spent a few hours very pleasantly in a social dance, at Harmony Hall last night.

Miss Bushell, a well known music teacher, residing at 60 Blanchard street, was stricken with paralysis yesterday, and it is feared will not recover.

Frank Atwood, a young man in the employ of Messrs. Angus & Gordon, had his hand badly injured by the accidental discharge of a revolver which he was loading a few days ago.

Work on the new 16 inch mains for the Victoria water works will be commenced to-day at the Albion Iron Works. The pipes will be laid as soon as finished.

Mr. Geo. Little, electrical engineer, of Vancouver, died suddenly on Friday of apoplexy. Deceased was a member of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, and was interred by that body at Vancouver yesterday.

While out riding on Thursday afternoon, Mr. F. W. Teague, general secretary of the Y.M.C.A., was thrown from his horse and received a bad shaking up, although no bones were broken. He is still confined to his room.

The Blue Ribbon club were "at home" to about two hundred of their friends in the Temperance Hall, Pandora street, last evening. A good programme was disposed of, cakes and coffee served, and the remainder of the evening passed in pleasant conversation.

Mr. J. Montague Leet, editor of the *British Columbia Monthly and Mining Review*, will deliver a lecture in the Victoria Theatre on "Representative men of England, the United States and Canada," early in March, in aid of local charities.

A teamster's horse, attached to a heavy truck, and driven by William Barnes, took fright while left standing near the outer wharf yesterday afternoon, and before it had run 300 yards, was lying by a telegraph pole, which it struck in its mad career, with one leg broken. The unfortunate animal was shot.

The Vancouver Reducing and Smelting Works Co. have sent representations to the Ottawa Government for an increase in the duty on lead. The present duty is $8 per ton, while the American duty is $40 per ton. The company want the duty raised in order to protect them against the American article.

The *News-Advertiser* says: Mr. Angus Fraser had a raft of splendid spars in Howe Sound yesterday and the day before, which he is bringing into port with the intention of shipping them by rail to New York, where they will be used as ship masts. Each stick is a hundred feet long and 24 inches in diameter at the top.

THE BUILDING OUTLOOK.

Prospects of a Most Successful Season—Many New Blocks and Private Residences.

Victoria architects and builders anticipate a brisk run of work during the approaching season. Already the plans have been drawn for a large number of new residences in every quarter of the city, to cost anywhere from $2,000 to $25,000. New business blocks will also erected during 1889, in number and beauty unequalled in any past year of the city's history. As yet the architects are not in a position to give a list of the buildings to be erected, and only those to be commenced immediately can be mentioned.

Ground has already been broken for a new brick block at the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets. On Broughton street the workmen are engaged upon the foundation of a new and roomy brick warehouse for Mr. John Weiler. Further down the street, at the corner of Wharf, Messrs. McKillican and Anderson are to erect a large brick planing mill. The three-storey brick hotel, with a frontage on both Yates and Broad streets, plans for which were prepared last year, will be pushed to completion before the year is out, and will, without doubt, be the finest building on the street.

Mr. D. Spencer, anxious always to meet the requirements of the times, will build a brick extension to the "Arcade" showrooms, with a second entrance on Broad street. Mr. Wm. Heathorn intends adding a three storey rear addition to his block, which will front upon Langley street. Across the road from the present shoe factory, the row of unsightly, flat, antiquated buildings will disappear to make room for a handsome three story business block, as thoroughly modern as the present buildings are old fashioned in appearance. At the corner of Government street and Trounce alley another substantial block will take its stand, possibly extending to Broad street. Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, when their new block is finished, will have brought about a wonderful change in the appearance of Bastion street. Another brick block, to be used as a carriage factory, is to go up on Douglas street, while the erection of a dozen or more other business buildings is contemplated, although, as yet, the owners have not matured their plans. Altogether the building outlook for the present year is about as promising as any one could desire.

PERSONAL.

Ald. Harris was in Westminster yesterday.

D. N. McPhee, of Port Townsend, came over last evening.

G. M. Matthews and wife, of the Hotel Vancouver are at the Driard.

S. Holmes and George Scott, two well known New York capitalists, are at the Driard.

Edward Gordon, of Sooke, leaves for England on Monday on a visit of several months to the home and scenes of his boyhood.

It is reported that Acton Burrows, late managing editor of the Winnipeg *Call*, is to be given a position in the C.P.R. land department.

Mrs. Probert, who was housekeeper at Harrison Springs last summer, left on the Walla Walla yesterday to take housekeeping charge of a large hotel, situated at the springs near Monterey, Cal.

Hon. J. A. Chapleau has, under the advice of Dr. Guigon, postponed his departure from Paris. He is progressing fairly, but may have to go south for a few weeks, in which case he will not return to Canada until April.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McLellan, Mrs. Hutcheson and Miss Humber returned from California on Friday evening by way of Portland. The party have been spending a couple of months in lower California visiting various points of interest and including a flying trip to Mexico. At Riverside, Dr. McSwain and his family were visited, and it will be learned with pleasure by their many friends in this city that all were in good health, the Dr. having completely recovered from his long illness. They desired to be remembered to old friends in Victoria. Mr. McLellan states that the doctor's orange grove is one of the finest in the state.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

WRESTLING.

Cameron and Michaud have been unable to secure The Victoria for their wrestling match on Saturday next, and will be forced to exhibit in Philharmonic Hall. A few even bets have recently been made on the result.

Schumaker, of Seattle, is corresponding with Cameron, of this city, who recently defeated him at Vancouver, with a view to arranging a mixed match, catch-as-catch-can, as well as Graeco Roman.

Smith, of Nanaimo, who is at present in San Francisco, has a match on with a 'Frisco unknown, of whom the bay city sports expect great things.

PROPOSED BASEBALL LEAGUE.

A meeting of young men interested in baseball was held at Port Townsend a few evenings ago, the object being to incorporate a local baseball organization, and secondly to set on foot a movement to establish a Puget Sound League. A committee was appointed to secure grounds on a lease which shall justify the expense of enclosing them. The idea prevailed that a company with $1,000 capital stock, to be subscribed by citizens, would solve the financial problem.

With reference to the proposed league, it was the general impression that one club each from Victoria, Port Townsend, Seattle and Tacoma, would make things interesting for the season. Should Olympia and Whatcom desire admission, it would be even better; still with the four cities on one direct line of transportation, where fares are low, the season's receipts ought to pay more than expenses. Probably one of the Portland clubs would like to make the tour, in which case dates could be arranged without conflicting with the league schedule.

The meeting adjourned till next Tuesday evening.

O'CONNOR ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE.

William O'Connor, the champion oarsman, has answered H. E. Searle's letter to Richard K. Fox, accepting the former's challenge to row for $2,500 or $5,000 and the championship of the world, on the Nepean or Paramatta River.

CLARA STANLEY WINS.

The last hours of the female bicycle race at Madison Square Gardens, New York, were attended with exciting spurts, amidst the greatest enthusiasm. All the contestants received presents of boquets, baskets of flowers, etc. Clara Stanley's performance does not break any records, because there are no records in existence for a race of the kind. Her performance is considered a big one, and it is the general opinion that it will be some time before it is equalled by any female bicyclist. When she finished her 624th mile and second lap, the hour of midnight arrived, closing time, and she was carried around the track by Manager O'Brien and her trainer, while the crowd shouted and yelled like madmen. The other contestants all quit at that hour and hastened to their respective hotels. Forty per cent. of the receipts, $4,084.80, was divided among the first seven as follows: Clara Stanley, $1,634.72; Elsa Von Blumen, $817.36; Fannie Oakes, $613.02; Smaller, $408.62; Lewis, $327.08; Baldwin, $204.30; Hart, $83.10. The others received presents in money from Manager O'Brien. He presented Miss Armaindo with a check for $300. The score: Stanley, 624-2; Von Blumen, 592-2; Oakes, 552-0; Smallor, 515-4; Lewis, 490-6; Baldwin, 484-5; Hart, 401-0; Woods, 377-5; McShane, 372-3; Armaindo, 273-3; Brown, 237-3.

SCULLING MATCH.

A four mile race between Bubear and Norvel was rowed on the Tyne yesterday, the former winning by half a length. The stakes were £50 a side and Norvel had ten seconds start. The race was a very slow one.

HERE AND THERE.

The Brockton Point Athletic Club of Vancouver, have applied to the provincial legislature for incorporation.

A new amateur rowing club is being agitated in the city, and lovers of the oar will meet next week to consider the project.

The Victoria Athletic club are only waiting for definite particulars of the regatta before announcing a grand athletic tournament for the evening of the gala day.

New horizontal bars, direct from the great Spalding factory, have been received, and will be put up at once in the Victoria Athletic Club's gymnasium. New mattresses have also been supplied, and all the apparatus is to be overhauled and where necessary renewed.

The Vancouver rifle club have selected a range on Lynn's farm, across the Inlet.

Peterson, the California oarsman, in a letter to a Victoria friend, says that hundreds of San Francisco people are coming to Victoria on May 24th. He looks upon the regatta as certain to be arranged.

The suggestion thrown out by the Port Townsend base-ballists, of forming a Puget Sound League, meets with the entire approval of every lover of the American national game in this city. Of course, should the league be formed, it will be necessary for Victoria to procure an enclosed ground; but such has long been needed, and the opportunity of arranging for a series of good games, the proceeds of which would go far towards paying for a general recreation park, should not be lost sight of.

MARINE.

Steamship Idaho will leave for Alaska about the 25th inst.

Schooner Eliza arrived with coal from Wellington on Friday in tow of the Glad Tidings.

Schooner Penelope will leave for the south this morning in search for seals, returning here about April.

Steamer Sardonyx sailed for Port Simpson and way ports last evening. Her cargo consisted of tin, lead and salt, besides about 50 tons of general merchandise.

Steamship Danube will leave Vancouver for Portland to-day with about 1,000 tons of freight. The Abyssinia will leave on the 19th, on arrival of Pacific Express, with 2,700 tons of freight.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Sentinel.)

No. 2 train from the west on Friday was delayed about ten hours owing to a freight train being derailed at Salmon River bluff, about six miles east of North Bend. We learn that none of the hands on the freight train were injured.

A great amount of ice has been harvested on the Thompson river during the past two weeks. Mr. Bennet alone has filled contracts aggregating over 1,400 tons, and other persons have also been engaged cutting and filling contracts which will probably total as large a quantity.

A card received this week from Canon Cooper states that Canon and Mrs. Cooper sailed for England on 2nd February in the Dominion Line steamer Sarnia. Mrs. Cooper has regained her strength to a great extent, but she is still very frail, and the greatest care must be taken of her for a long time."

Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Victoria, is expected to visit Kamloops on the 24th and conduct Divine service in the Presbyterian church. The chief object of his visit is the establishment of a branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society in this place. It is hoped that Mr. McLeod may be induced to favor us with one of his popular lectures.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The New Presbyterian Church.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, held last evening, it was determined to proceed at once with the building of the new church, substituting brick for stone.

Similkameen Mines.

The gold returns from Granite Creek and Similkameen show an output of over $75,000. The mining is principally carried on by Chinese. Besides gold about 1200 ounces of platinum were secured. Granite Creek is a large producer of platinum. The winter up to date has been mild.

The Late James Deighton Reid.

The remains of the late James Deighton Reid arrived by the steamship Umatilla on Sunday evening, and were conveyed to the residence of Mr. Thornton Fell, Cadboro Bay Road, whence the funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased young man was the third son of Rev. Dr. Reid, of this city, and had been in delicate health for some time.

Libel Suits Galore.

Writs have been served upon THE COLONIST, *Times* and *Standard*, of this city, in suits entered by Sir William Hoste, Bart., claiming $5,000 in each case for alleged libel. A suit has been entered against Mr. Wm. Angus, of Croft & Angus, on a similar charge, the damages in his case being placed at $10,000. The publication upon which Sir William bases his suit against this paper is not stated, and the particulars are awaited with interest.

New Tailoring Firm.

Messrs. D. Campbell and W. Sempkins have leased premises in the Heathorn block, Government street, and will open about March 1st, with a large stock of goods, specially selected in the east by Mr. Campbell. The new firm, in addition to conducting a first-class tailoring establishment, will make a specialty of tailor-made goods for ladies. Mr. Campbell is well-known here, and Mr. Sempkins has had experience in some of the largest establishments in the east.

Obituary.

News was received yesterday from Winnipeg, announcing the sudden death of Mr. C. J. Brydges, land commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, on Saturday afternoon, while visiting the general hospital. He was the most prominent man in Winnipeg. He was appointed land commissioner in 1879, being formerly manager of the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways. Upon receipt of the news in this city, the flag of the Hudson's Bay Co. was placed at half-mast.

A Serious Charge.

A telephone message was received by the police on Sunday night, to the effect that John Black, a special constable at Beaver Lake, had been brutally assaulted while in the discharge of his duty, during the afternoon, by two young men from Victoria. The parties charged with the assault were shooting game at present protected by the game laws; Mr. Black interfered, whereupon they attacked him with their fists, badly pummelling his face. Black was for some time a night watchman in the city. He intends making his assailants feel the full force of the law for their conduct.

Fun Makers Coming.

The famous Georgia minstrels make their appearance in The Victoria on Monday evening next. The company is composed of colored artists and has a fine reputation. An exchange says: "A crowded house greeted the Georgia Minstrels last night, and a genuine success was scored. The troupe is composed of genuine colored people, and in many features were equal to and in some superior to many of the more pretentious companies which have visited our city in past seasons. The olio part was especially good, and introduced many new things that kept the audience in a roar."

From Cassiar.

Mr. C. Callbreath, of the firm of Callbreath, Grant & Cook, Cassiar, arrived in the city last evening and registered at the Oriental. He left Telegraph Creek on the 10th of January, and arrived at Wrangle on the last day of the month, after a long and remarkably hard trip down the river. Rain and snow fell during all the time, and the trip, which is generally made in about 10 days, took 21 to accomplish. Three times the boat was ashore, and on one occasion Mr. Callbreath was for thirty-six hours without food or shelter. The weather in Cassiar has been remarkably mild during the season, and the health of the residents of the district good. Very little prospecting is going on, and the usual winter dullness marks all mining operations. A few tunnels are running, the one on Quartz Creek taking out enough money to pay. The prospects for the spring are as hopeful as usual, and the output for the past year was fully equal to 1887. At Wrangle the weather is unusually mild. The grass is still green, and the weather is more like spring than winter.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

Local and General Happenings Gathered Up and Presented in a Readable Shape.

The members and friends of the Y. M. C. A. will spend a "night in camp" together this evening.

The Hofstad Bros., intend giving an exhibition of mind-reading and clairvoyance in The Victoria shortly.

The man Ward who is held for trial at the spring assizes on a charge of petty larceny at