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THE CITY.

THERE were registered in Victoria during August 21 births, 15 marriages and 23 deaths.

A RIVERS Inlet Chinaman was brought down on the Dubuque and lodged in jail here to serve a three months' term for supplying liquor to Indians.

DONATIONS to the Old Men's Home for the month just closed are thankfully acknowledged from Mrs. G. Winkler, Mrs. C. Bossi, Mr. W. T. Drake, Miss Langley, Mrs. (Justice) Gray, and Alderman Tiarks.

A SPECIAL telegram to the COLONIST yesterday announces that the long looked for clean up on the Cariboo hydraulic mine has taken place, resulting in a brick of bullion valued at \$81,600. This cannot but satisfy the owners of the mine who are to be congratulated on the success that has thus far attended their efforts.

Mrs. Day's kindergarten, primary and training school, at 10 Blanchard street, opens for the fall term this morning. Miss Dunlap, graduate of the Chicago and Boston normal schools, has been secured to direct the work, and it is expected that even greater success than that heretofore attained will result. Applications for entrance must be made to Mrs. Day, Derreen, Rocklands avenue.

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A WIDE distribution of offences is shown by the police returns for the month just closed, the figures reading as follows: Assault, 10; cutting and wounding, 1; violation of city by-laws, 18; drunks, 16; infraction of the game act, 1; house breaking, 1; malicious damage to property, 2; indecency, 1; in possession of stolen property, 1; infraction of public morals by law, 2; in possession of intoxicants, 2; stealing, 6; using threatening language, 3; vagrancy, 1; and supplying intoxicants to Indians, 1.

THIS morning the Victoria delegates from the W.C.T.U. and Y.W.C.T.U. left for Westminster to attend the Provincial conference. They are Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. McNaughton, Miss Bowers and Mrs. Gordon Grant, officers of the Union; and Mrs. W. Grant, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Spain, Dr. Mary McNeill, Mrs. J. F. Betts and Mrs. Chapman; and the Misses Spencer, Durham, Keown, Wilson and Fossett, representing the Y's.

THE fires and losses during August were unusually light. On the 6th, a Chinese wash house burned on Government street, the building had been condemned, but was fired by an incendiary. The next fire occurred on the 7th inst. in a heap of wood in a yard adjacent to No. 22 Yates street; no loss. Two brush fires were extinguished, and on the 25th a serious fire was averted at the Cold Storage Works on Store street, loss \$10. On the morning of the 28th inst., a one-story frame building on North Park street was badly scorched; the building was insured for \$400 in the Commercial Union Insurance Company, and the contents were covered by a policy in the same company for \$200. The entire loss is estimated at \$400. Fires during August, 5; losses, \$410.

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IN accordance with their usual custom the Salvation Army are now holding their Harvest Home. There were special services on Sunday, and last night the sale opened of the offerings of the fruits of the earth and many other articles that have been collected and handed over to the Army to dispose of to add to the funds for carrying on their work. The barracks yesterday looked like a section of an agricultural fair. The walls were decorated with grains and agricultural implements, the big platform was covered with fruits, flowers, vegetables, canned goods and many other articles, not forgetting a coop of live chickens. The sale continued for two hours last night, and although a brisk business was done there still remains a quantity of exhibits to be sold this evening, including a small oil stove, fruit, things. Refreshments are to be served at this evening's sale.

CALEDONIA park will be quite an attraction on the afternoon of Labor day, Monday, September 7. The committee had a meeting last night and transacted a great amount of business. As there are over \$300 in prizes some idea may be gained of what the programme of races will be. There are to be both amateur and professional races, jumping, sack races, ladies' and children's races, catching the greasy pig, a greasy pole, wheelbarrow and cigar races, as well as numerous other events. The prizes are so numerous that it is the intention to have a tombola for the ladies and children. Caledonia park has been chosen on account of the convenience of the grand stand, for which no charge will be made, the admission being 25 cents for gentlemen only. The proceeds are to go to the Jubilee hospital. There will be prizes given also at the social dance in the evening for the best waltzing. Should the evening turn out unfavorable for dancing on the platform at night, it is the intention to hold the social at the A.O.U.W. hall.

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[FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, Sept. 2.] SHIPPING AND SHIPS.

"Empress" and "Mike-Maru" Arrive—The Recent Mishap to the Liner "Gaelic."

A Distinguished Korean Passenger—Movements of the Northern Coast Steamers.

Isolated cases of cholera at the chief ports of Japan, a serious epidemic of dysentery in Gunma prefecture, a continuation of the sanguinary guerilla warfare in Formosa and further statistics of the tidal wave calamity of June last, constitute the principal heads of news received by the Empress of China on her arrival from Oriental ports yesterday morning. Neither had her officers heard anything of mishap to the U.S.S. Monocacy, nor did the mail advices contain any reference to this veteran of the American navy having been lost, as reported, in the vicinity of Peking last night. The news of the old warship's destruction recently received in San Francisco may therefore be set down as without foundation. In connection with the stranding of the Gaelic, the Kobe Herald of August 20, says: "It is believed that it will be necessary for her to proceed to Nagasaki for temporary repairs and to Hongkong for complete overhauling. The latest of one of the latest news from the Lornedale claim states that the vein is widening and improving in appearance. The weekly assays made from the rock sent down show a steady improvement of one dollar increase in gold value for each foot in depth as progress is made with the shaft."

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Among the passengers by the City of Puebla, which sailed from San Francisco yesterday, are the following for this city: G. B. Elson, William Chimo, E. C. Laine, P. H. Morgan and wife, J. H. George, J. H. Canine, Miss Quinlan, P. B. Quinlan, Capt. Bennett, F. D. Powell, R. Wilson, Miss Murray, Mrs. Smith, O. B. Darling and wife, F. W. Haynes, G. W. Logan, Capt. C. Salmond, R. Richardson, F. Buhr, Mrs. M. S. Haynes, Thos. Wastie and M. L. Summers.

The N.Y.K. steamship Mike-Maru, now at Seattle, will on her return voyage proceed direct to Hongkong, says the Nichi Nichi. This is by a special arrangement entered into to ensure quick delivery of a large shipment of flour. Mr. Shoda, manager of the N.Y.K., who went to England to order several steamers for the Trans-Pacific and European lines, has been instructed by telegraph to return to Japan.

Freight was hurriedly placed on board the steamer Barbara Bosowitz for shipment North yesterday. She sailed last night and up till the time of departure Porter's wharf where she was berthed was crowded with drays and express wagons. Seventy Indians with personal effects sufficient to occupy almost half the vessel embarked, and there were also numerous sailors.

It is not likely that the steamer Hupeh, under special charter to the C.P.R., will be here for some days as she had not yet reached Yokohama en route to Seattle. The date of the Empress' sailing for this port is not yet known.

The steamer Yusei Kaisha sailed from Yokohama for Victoria on Aug. 28, and will arrive about Sept. 11. She brings a large cargo of tea. The Tacoma will leave for Victoria on the 10th inst.

A large four master was reported in the Straits yesterday by the incoming Empress. She is believed to be the Drumrock, fully laden for R. P. Rithet & Co. Ltd.

The steamer Yusei Kaisha will start its Australasian line on the 10th inst. Kinshu-Maru, now at Yokohama, being the pioneer ship.

The British steamer Annandale, has been chartered to carry wheat from San Francisco to St. Vincent for orders, for Eppinger & Co.

The steamer City of Topeka will be here from the Sound at 9 o'clock this morning on her way to Alaska.

Sydney, N.S.W., yesterday morning, reporting all well.

Yesterday the Vancouver wharfed Skidgate arrived with a load of stone for the post office building.

Stated yesterday went to Comox last evening for coal for the C.P.R. use.

The ship Embleton commences loading her salmon cargo to-day.

THE WATERWORKS.

The following report, in answer to a motion by Ald. Partridge, was presented at the regular meeting of the council on Monday evening, but crowded out of yesterday's issue:

1. Amount received from waterworks loans, \$87.

2. Details of land purchased—L. Pusey, 9½ acres, \$500; Mrs. Pusey, 5 acres, \$285; J. Goveite, 13½ acres, \$518; A. Grieve, 109 acres, \$5,515; W. Steinhilber, 10-10 acres, \$11,390; W. Steinhilber, 13½ acres, \$1,356; 15,500 Mills & Pendray, 13½ acres, \$1,356; paid Revere \$1,021; compensation for 40 acres, \$1,021; compensation for 40 acres, \$1,021; compensation for 40 acres, \$1,021.

3. Expenditure prior to contract—Printing and advertising, \$180; Repairing and cleaning filter beds, \$2,756; Temporary supply pipe, \$3,249; Legal expenses, \$127; Experimental filters, \$211; Store room, \$211; E. Keatinge, margin of lake, \$772; E. Keatinge, margin of lake, \$772; E. Keatinge, margin of lake, \$772.

4. Findlay, D. & Bro., account of fees, \$1,520; Freight and tickets to lake, \$12,118.

5. Total, \$23,383.

6. Extras—Excavating trench at wings of main dam wall, filling and puddling same with clay, amount \$1,273.10 paid June 16, 1896, authorized by E. A. Wilmut, engineer in charge.

7. Alterations in contract—Substitution of one row of piles for two in cofferdam, in braces instead of 12 clusters of piles with plan, row of square piles to be battered with 1-inch boards, authorized by G. E. Jorgensen, engineer in charge, August 2, 1896; substitution of dry wall of concrete in foundation of division walls of filter beds, authorized by G. E. Jorgensen, engineer in charge, August 2, 1896; substitution of dry wall of concrete in foundation of division walls of filter beds, authorized by G. E. Jorgensen, engineer in charge, August 2, 1896.

8. Extras claimed by contractors—\$11,771.75.

9. Balance available if extras allowed—\$12,000 approximately.

10. Cost of clearing margin at lake—\$4,813.

11. Recommendations not carried out by council—January 28, 1895, Water Commissioner recommended purchase of water-shed, September 23, 1895, Water Commissioner recommended filling in of old filter beds with material obtained from excavation of site of new works; September 25, 1895, G. E. Jorgensen, engineer in charge recommended substitution of concrete for brick in ducts and culvert chambers; September 30, 1895, G. E. Jorgensen recommended cleaning out of basin between coffer dam and main wall of dam; December 22, 1895, Water Commissioner recommended expropriation of land flooded by proposed raise of three feet in lake together with one chain in rear, and the raising of the East Saanich road above the new high water mark. Authority granted for this, but the matter is still in abeyance; March 23, 1896, E. A. Wilmut, engineer in charge, and H. P. Bell, consulting engineer, recommended substitution of concrete for brick in ducts and culvert chambers for concrete on the slopes; June 10, 1896, Messrs. Wilmut and Bell called at this point. The big Japanese liner was given a right royal reception upon her arrival at the Queen City of the Sound, the citizens turning out en masse with a railroad train, and giving the ship a welcome that well typified the restless energy of the city in its pursuit of commercial prestige. According to the British register the Mike Maru is first class and according to the American she is sixth class. Her tonnage is given as 2,055, and she is owned in Tokyo. Her signal letters are "H. P. G. J.," quoted in Lloyd's. Yesterday she commenced to discharge her cargo, her cus-

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

The R.M.S. "Miowera" Arrives from Southern Seas With Many Passengers.

Unemployed in New South Wales—The Tidal Wave Leaves Shipping Stranded.

Passengers from the Southern seas by the Canadian-Australian liner Miowera had few friends on hand to greet them when the steamer docked at the outer wharf early yesterday morning. The arrival of the Southern steamer was in fact very unexpected, no one having anticipated that she would make port before to-day, and the first intimation of her proximity being her appearance this side of the Race. She had her lines out by 4 o'clock and at once commenced discharging her Victoria freight, so that she was able to proceed to the Terminal City by 8 o'clock. Her cargo comprises the usual lines of produce and general merchandise from Australia, with a sample shipment of New Zealand oranges and heavy fruit consignments from the Hawaiian Islands. She had also done stay in Sydney been docked, cleaned, painted and overhauled and being in consequence in capital order for her trans-Pacific trip. The round-the-world tours by the line are steadily gaining popularity, and this, too, had its influence in swelling the passenger list to very satisfactory proportions. In the saloon were numerous well-known colonials—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wainwright, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Renne, Mr. G. H. Goddard and others—with a fair proportion of travelling Americans and English people. The ladies and gentlemen who embarked at Sydney were in addition to those mentioned above: Mr. and Mrs. J. McKnight, Mrs. Matheson, Miss Matheson, Miss Foster, Miss Brodie, Miss M. Manson, Miss Manuelle, Major G. C. Rennie (general manager of the New York Life), Mr. W. A. Farquhar, Mr. H. T. Brand, Mr. W. T. Clevers, Mr. G. Grant, Mr. G. Garrick, Mr. G. K. Johnston, Mr. H. C. Stanley, Mr. P. Caspar, Mr. G. Arnold, Mrs. Milne, Miss Milne, Mrs. Milne, Mrs. A. Graham, Mrs. Ryley, Misses Ryley (2), Miss R. Collis, Miss Fallon, Lady Hawker, Mr. and Mrs. Hawker, Mrs. and Miss Greig, Mr. and Miss Goodale, Mrs. Davies, Mr. Brinley, Mr. and Mrs. Master Gardiner. Further additions to the party were received at Suva and Honolulu, in the persons of Mr. Thomas Dwan, proprietor of the Wellington (N.Z.) Weekly Herald and representative of the New Zealand Press Association, and Mr. Whitney of Honolulu, the father of the press in the Honolulu capital. The latter brings no later news in connection with the reported movement for the restoration of the monarchy than was received at Suva and Honolulu on the arrival of the Rio Janeiro. The Miowera is again under new command this voyage, Capt. Bird, R.N.R., having resigned to enter the wholesale wool business Ltd., and his successor being the former chief officer, now commander, C. W. Hay, who has well earned his promotion. There was no special incident of interest on the trip across, which continued but 21 days.

The problem of providing work for the unemployed is once more vexing the souls of the legislators of New South Wales, to whom was recently presented "the humble petition of the unemployed of the city of Sydney and its environs—a truly representative document. It was "signed on behalf of the unemployed of New South Wales" by the president, the senior vice-president, four vice-presidents, two treasurers (one a man and the other a woman), the organizer, and the general secretary of the unemployed organization, and sets forth "that your petitioners are electors of the said colony of New South Wales and stand in distressed and destitute circumstances owing to their inability to secure employment, thereby preventing them from earning sufficient to support themselves and those dependent upon them; that it is a well-known fact that the prevailing distress is widespread and unequalled in the history of this colony; that in the opinion of your petitioners it is a duty incumbent upon the representatives of the people to mitigate the said distress by finding employment on profitable works for those who only ask for leave to toil and to dispense with charitable assistance (however kindly meant) either from the present government or from any other petitioners source whatsoever. Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable house will, irrespective of party ties and obligations, unite and provide work at fair and reasonable rates for the unemployed of this colony."

Appended to the petition is a note: "There are over 1,000 members on the roll of this organization."

The Sydney Mail announces that "The latest thing in New South Wales is a trial for witchcraft. In consonance with the Mosaic dispensation, 'Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live,' the important northern town of Tamworth has sent Professor Freiman for trial. His master appears to have been a capacity for looking before and after. In this he differed from the American poet who advised us to disregard the past, distrust the future and act in the living present. It was through too literal an interpretation of the Biblical command by some of our monarchs that so many poor old women of yore were released from care through being put under a stake in the country. James I. was the most learned fool in Christendom—who held witches, wizards and tobacco in such special abomination that his chief desire was to make a bonfire of the lot. In these advanced times we bury the last named only, and that in a manner which would be repugnant to the first English Stuart. But was it necessary to go to Judging by the daily papers, every second person in the Sydney suburbs can tell everybody's future but their own. In fact, if Jamie, who succeeded the Bright Occidental Star Beer—wide (which, however, he praised, is impossible), he could run a daily auto-da-fé on

young, old and middle-aged witches from Woolloomooloo alone."

The British gunboats Ringdove and Goldfinch, being the first of the British navy in that part of the Eastern Pacific for two years. On this account quite naturally the Goldfinches and the Ringdoves were made much of by the inhabitants from Queen Makena down to the humblest of her subjects. Dances were given in the harbor outside the reef. This was considered more prudent in view of the fact that only lately, owing to a tidal wave (the effect of the great Japan seismic disturbance), the water suddenly left the harbor, and the shipping in port being thus deprived of its water element rested up on the coral strand pending the return of the waters. Only one gunboat on the press state that the natives to the west of Kimberley are again causing trouble by cattle stealing, and threatening the lives of the residents. A party of police has been sent out.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lovell Smith mourn the loss of their little girl, who died suddenly on Tuesday evening.

TWELVE new members were initiated at the meeting of the Knights of the Macabees on Monday night by J. A. Orchard, Supreme Commander of the State of Washington.

The collections for August of Inland Revenue division No. 37 totalled \$15,467.76, the several items being as follows: Spirits, \$10,437.69; malt, \$1,200.74; tobacco, \$2,994.64; cigars, \$678.30; methylated spirits, \$58.88; licenses, \$75; inspection petroleum, \$27.50; and rent of land, \$5.

A MEETING of the directors of the Y.M.C.A. was held in the Association rooms last evening, when Mr. Herbert Roper was elected general secretary for the ensuing year, vice Mr. Geo. Carter. This, together with the arrangements for the annual meeting of the Association, to be held in about a fortnight, formed the principal business brought up at the meeting.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Perry Creek Mining Co. held on Monday in the office of Mr. Thomas C. Sorby, honorary secretary, it was decided to accept the offer of Mr. Lewis Lukes to invest \$30,000 in the mine for exploration and development work on the surrender by the shareholders of two-thirds of the stock. Steps will be immediately taken to proceed with active operations.

A SALE last evening of all the articles collected as thank offerings brought to a close the harvest festival which has been in progress among the Salvation Army since Saturday evening last. The sale was by far the best ever obtained in the city, showing as it did the increasing generosity of the public towards the Army workers in the city. The proceeds of the sale go towards the extension of Army work in the city, which in consequence will receive a considerable impetus.

THERE have been issued from the city free library during the month of August 1,986 books, ladies taking \$29 of these and gentlemen 777. The greatest number of books issued in one day was 107, and the average number 62. Twenty-seven new members have registered their names—16 ladies and 11 gentlemen. There have been added to the library "Tales of the Borders"