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## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, August 8.

WHISKY SELLING—Charles R. Walters pleaded guilty in the Police Court yesterday to supplying spirits to Indians. The accused said he had been taken up for assaulting an Indian whom he refused to supply with spirits about three weeks ago, in consequence of which he had been thrown out of work, and being reduced in funds had adopted this as a means of replenishing his exchequer. He entreated the clemency of the court. The police did not give the accused a very good character, and the magistrate in consideration of its being the first conviction sentenced Walters to pay a fine of $250 or to suffer six months' imprisonment.

ON SUSPICION.—Samuel Williams, a colored man, was charged yesterday in the Police Court with loitering about the streets at unseemly hours for illicit purposes. Sergeant Wilmer stated that he had observed the accused several times wearing moccasins, and dodging the police at the street corners at late hours. He believed the accused was watching an opportunity to commit a felony. Williams said he was a baker's assistant and had to be up late. He wore moccasins because his feet were tender. The magistrate remanded the case for one day.

THE LITERARY INSTITUTE.—The managing committee of the Young Men's Literary Institute have decided upon giving a literary entertainment in the Theatre on or about the 28th proximo. The programme, we learn, is to include an interesting debate in which gentlemen of acknowledged ability have already promised to take part. There will also be recitations and every other suitable attraction, the proceedings being enlivened by the performances of skilful musicians. The proceeds are to be devoted to that excellent but needy institution the Mechanics' Institute.

BAD ODORS—The City Council last night resolved upon having some of the street nuisances removed. Fetid matter, however, soon accumulates where parties are allowed to throw or lead impurities of any kind into the streets, and in order to keep the gutters from becoming a public nuisance those who occasion the offence should be indicted. The Chinese washermen are especial sources of annoyance, not so much as stated in the Council from their practice of blowing charcoal ashes into the streets as from their leading filthy water into the thoroughfares to become stagnant cesspools.

TO A GOOD MARKET—Owing to the non-arrival of any cargo of English goods for several months, consignments per Philomela will be in demand. In dry goods, clothing, hardware, liquors, and other merchandise our merchants and dealers have received large shipments. Captains Reid and Gardner yesterday surveyed the hatches, which we understand, were found on being opened to be in good order.

DESERTION.—Patrick Fern, arrested by Sergt. Blake, was charged yesterday in the Police Court with being a deserter from H.M. gunboat Forward. Mr. Pemberton directed that he be handed over to the naval authorities.

THANKS.—Captain Adams, of the sloop Letitia, desires us to express his gratitude to Captain Trask, of the ship Amethyst, for kindly rendering assistance to his sloop when in danger off Dungeness Spit.

INDIAN DISTURBANCES—Tommy Tomkins and Jack, Fort Rupert Indians, and Johnny, a Skidegate Indian, were yesterday severally fined for being drunk and causing disturbances in public thoroughfares.

ASSAULTING A CHINAMAN—A Nitinat Indian, named Charley, was yesterday fined $25 or two months' imprisonment, for assaulting a Chinaman.

PARADE—The Rifle Corps, attended by their band, paraded last evening on Church Hill. A number of spectators witnessed the evolutions of our gallant defenders.

PASSED UP—The ship Aquilla, from San Francisco to Nanaimo was reported to be in the Straits yesterday.

NEW TRIAL—His Honor the Chief Justice has granted an application for a new trial in the matter of Ah Sou v. Trounce.

Wednesday, August 9.

BOARD OF EDUCATION—The Board of Education met yesterday at three p.m., E. G. Alston, Esq., in the chair. There was a large attendance, Mr. Cochrane alone being absent. The question of opening a second Central School, in order to make room for the unexpected increase in the number of scholars, was discussed at some length, and a committee named to report on the suitability of the Congregational Church on Fort street for the purpose, and also of seeing his Excellency on the financial question. It appears that there are 86 girls and 127 boys in the present school. Mr. Thomas Nicholson was recommended for appointment as assistant teacher with Mr. Jessop in the boys department. Further action concerning the new school house at Nanaimo was adjourned pending the result of a public meeting which was to be held there to obtain subscriptions to aid of the object.

SUPREME COURT—Mr. McCreight having applied on Monday for a rule nisi for a new trial in the case of Ah Sou v. Trounce, His Honor yesterday refused to grant a rule.

SATANIC INFLUENCE—Evan Walters, a marine, was charged yesterday by Sergt. Blake with being a deserter from H.M.S. Sutlej. The officer informed the magistrate that Walters had gone to a saloon, and representing himself to be specially authorised to assist the police in apprehending deserters, succeeded in obtaining a change of clothes. Walters on being asked if he had anything to say to the charge, thus addressed the magistrate:—"I had no intention of deserting; but the devil had a strong hold of me, and put me into those clothes, sir. I should like to shift this rig as soon as I can, sir (laughter). He was ordered to be handed over to the naval authorities.

FROM COMOX AND NANAIMO—The steamer Emily Harris, Capt. Chambers, arrived yesterday morning from Comox and Nanaimo bringing back Surveyor General Pearse from Comox. The Knight Bruce had 650 tons of coal on board and was ready to sail from Nanaimo to San Francisco. The bark Perle will be ready for sea at the end of the week. The ship Isaac Jeanes had arrived from San Francisco for a cargo.

CRICKET MATCH AT COLWOOD.—Lieutenant Macaulay informs us that the contemplated match will be positively played at Colwood on Saturday next, between eleven of the V. I. C. C. and eleven of H.M.S. Sutlej. The ship's fine band will be on the ground to enliven the proceedings, and will no doubt attract a large number of spectators.

THE PHILOMELA—On breaking bulk this vessel's cargo was found to be in splendid order. The steamer Thames is now engaged in conveying her freight from Esquimalt. The first load will be discharged to-day at Messrs. Dickson, Campbell's wharf.

PUNISHED—Clack-pay-a, a Fort Rupert Indian, and Charley, a Skidegate Indian, who took part in the Cormorant street disturbance on Sunday last, were yesterday each fined $25, or three months' imprisonment, for assaulting one another.

STRAGGLER—James Deville was charged yesterday before the Police Magistrate with being a deserter from H. M. S. Sutlej, having exceeded his leave on shore. He was ordered to be handed over to the proper authorities.

Thursday, August 10.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT AT LANGFORD LAKE—Mr. Mark Corbiniere, aged 30, eldest son of Mr. P. Corbiniere, merchant of this city, was most unfortunately drowned yesterday at Langford lake under the following circumstances. About 50 of our French citizens went out to the lake, to enjoy a picnic in that picturesque spot; the party partook of lunch between one and two o'clock, after which dancing was resumed, and while this was going on Mr. Corbiniere left the company and went to the water edge where some boys were bathing. He then appears to have taken off his clothes, entered the water and swam out to near the middle of the lake. Shortly afterwards the boys noticed that he had disappeared, but do not seem to have been apprehensive of danger, and did not join the rest of the party for about half an hour, when they related the circumstance to a few of the party. There was nothing in the shape of a boat or canoe on the lake, and although some friends went into the water they failed to detect the missing man. Shouts were raised, and fancying that they heard a reply further search was abandoned, and the seekers returned to the festivities. The missing man, however, did not appear, and the alarm then became general. On returning to the lake the party found the clothes still lying upon the bank, and it was evident to them that the unfortunate man had met with a watery grave. Information was at once conveyed to town, and several friends of the deceased left during the evening for the lake, taking with them a boat and grapnels to endeavor to find the body.

VOLUNTEER COMPANY No. 2.—A meeting of the members who have enrolled themselves to form Company No. 2 of the Volunteer Rifle Corps, was held last evening in Smith's Building. Mr. Seelye occupied the chair. Capt. Lang offered some information on the result of an interview he had had with His Excellency as regards the proposed modification of the oath of allegiance with a view to the admission of foreign gentlemen. His Excellency personally would be very willing to adopt the proposition, but stated that he had not the power to do so without instructions from the Home Government and suggested that these gentlemen should in the interim be drilled in the regular way, and they should be supplied with Government arms. The Chairman was anxious on behalf of those who had been most active in the movement to disclaim any intention of holding office as seemed to be the opinion of some of those whom they had canvassed. Capt. Lang also took occasion to disclaim on the part of No. 1 Company a like intention. Tuesday next, the 15th, was appointed for the first drill. About 40 members have at present joined. Mr. J. Woollacott acts as secretary *pro. tem.* of No. 2 Company, and will be glad to receive the names of gentlemen desirous of being enrolled.

FIREMENS' MEETING—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department was held last evening in the Deluge Engine House. There was a full attendance. Returns for the past six months of members entitled to vote, and other matters, were disposed of. The Secretary informed the meeting of the result of an interview had by the Chief Engineer, President, and Secretary with the Colonial Secretary in reference to the prospects of obtaining the appropriation voted by the Legislature for the use of the Department. The Board was satisfied to await the fulfilment of hopes of payment held out.

SUPREME COURT.—An application was made yesterday by Mr. Drake on behalf of the Bank of British Columbia to compel the assignees in Culverwell's estate to deliver up a security of $700. Mr. Bishop opposed. The facts of the case were as follows: Culverwell had deposited the security in the bank, but, before absconding had obtained it from the cashier to recover the amount secured. The document was, however, taken by Culverwell to San Francisco and only recently sent up by a Mr. Kurtz for collection on a summons. The assignees received the security from Kurtz, and the bank demanded it from the assignees. Judge Cameron refused the order on the ground that the security having passed into the hands of the assignees could not be transferred.

AMPUTATION—Yesterday, Doctors Dickson and Ash performed the operation of amputating the thumb of Capt. Stratton, who it will be remembered, recently met with an accident by which that member was crushed. Dr. Ash administered chloroform to the patient while Dr. Dickson entirely removed the injured thumb. The sufferer is doing well.

ACCIDENT—The Assistant Engineer of the steamer Thames yesterday fell in the engine room and broke his arm. He was at once conveyed on board H. M. S. Sutlej, where the limb was set, and the sufferer was subsequently conveyed to town.

TREASURE—The steamer Enterprise yesterday brought $187,000 in gold bars for the Bank of British Columbia.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE FROM JULY 14TH TO AUGUST 4TH

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| Bowron, J | Blackwell, E |
| Buckner, O | Brice, D |
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| Benton, C C | Ballantine, D J |
| Bell, J R | Banks, J |
| Batty, J | Bangs, J |
| Beaumont, W 2 | Becker, G |
| Booth, G | Bridges, J |
| Browne, Mrs A | Bawden, J |
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| Carter, Mrs | Cassamayon, Mr |
| Cave, F W | Callbreath, J C |
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| Eliott, Mrs | Emslie, J |
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| Flond, J W | Foose & Co |
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| Waddington, A | Ward, B W |
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