VICTORIA'S TEACHING STAFF

Re-Arranged at a Meeting of the Board of School Trustees Last Evening.

Most of the Old Teachers Retained, Very Few Changes Being Made.

There was a full attendance at last evening's meeting of the board of school trustees, when it was decided to adopt the vertical system of writing in the schools. The teaching staff was also rearranged.

Mr. S. D. Pope, superintendent of education, wrote stating that Gage's series Mr. Miss of vertical writing books (British Columbia edition) has been authorized for use in the public schools of the province. The department directs that in schools preferring the vertical system it be introduced gradually.

Chairman Hayward said the intention of the department was to introduce the vertical system in the lower divisions this session and extend it to the whole school next term.

On motion of Trustee Marchant it was decided to adopt the vertical system as far as possible during the coming term, it to be extended to all the classes after the Christmas vacation, subject to the approval of the board of education.

Trustee Glover moved that the resolution of April last in reference to the employment of pupil teachers be reconsidered. This resolution gave pupil teachers the preference when vacancies occurred on the permanent staff, providing they were properly qualified.

The motion was adopted and the clause referring to the engagement of pupil teachers was struck out, and Trustee Marchant and the chairman were appointed a committee to draft an agreement to be used between the board and the pupil teachers. It was also decided to appoint five instead of four pupil teachers.

Trustee Lewis moved that the board go into committee of the whole, with

open doors. Trustee Glover was also opposed to secret sessions. He objected to being referred to as "a trio". The minutes of the board would show that on the average he voted twice out of every five times against Trustees Lewis and Marchant and they did likewise against

After some discussion it was decided to remain in open session. This no. doubt settles the fate of secret meetings. Trustee Marchant asked whether it was the intention to retain the whole of the old teaching staff subject to a rearrangement of positions or to vote with a free hand for either new or old teachers. For himself, he was prepared to vote for the old staff in its entirety right to change the position of each and every teacher. The motion was not sec-

Trustee Saunders moved that the appointment of Mr. Muir to a position on the high school staff be reconsidered. The motion was not seconded.

Trustee Lewis moved, seconded by Trustee Marchant, that the position of principal of the Victoria West school be declared vacant.

Trustee Saunders objected to the removal of Mr. Nicholson. Trustee Marchant said there had been many complaints about the school, partly on account of the teachers and partly and will be around in a few days. Borthrough Mr. Nicholson's fault. Trustee Lewis' motion was adopted

and Mr. L. Taif was appointed. The teaching staff as finally rearrange

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E. E. Sylvester, do.

G. H. Withrow, do. GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL. M. Caldwell, do..... E. Arrewsmith, do..... Miss Mabel G. Bunting, pupil teacher. (without salary) SOUTH PARK SCHOOL.

Cameron, principal....\$100 Lawson, vice-principal...\$0 Robinson, assistant... 70

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Miss T. G. Walker. 40
Miss Edith M. Dalby, pupil teacher. (without salary) VICTORIA WEST SCHOOL.

L. Tait. principal...........\$ 90 s S. Kermode, vice-principal...... 60 S. Kermode, vice-principal. 60
J. J. Stephenson, assistant. 55
M. A. Gaudin, do 40
I. C. Strachan, do 30
Elinor Nesbit, pupil teacher. (without salary)
SPRING RIDGE SCHOOL.

E. F. Doran, principal......\$ 80 38 I. M. F. Barron, assistant...... 50 Mr. E. F. Doran, principal sistent.

Miss I. M. F. Barron, assistant.

Mrs. Taylor, do.

Miss E. S. Shrapnel, do.

PAY SCHOOL.

Trustee Marchant moving, seconded by Trustee Lovell, that Mr. St. Clair be re-appointed.

Trustee Lewis objected on the whole to the reappointment of a gymnastic instructor. It was a waste of money. Trustee Glover concurred. He thought very little good had been done by Mr.

St. Clair. Trustee Marchant was in favor of the appointment of a physical instructor, but would not vote for Mr. St. Clair. Certain indiscretions in connection with the position which had been investigated by Trustee Mrs. Grant led him to this

On the motion being put it was a tie, and the chairman voted for Mr. St. Clair. Trustee Lewis moved, seconded by Trustee Glover, that the salary be \$25

a month. Trustee Saunders moved, seconded by Trustee Lovell, that it be \$50. Trustee Marchant moved, seconded by Trustee Mrs. Grant, that it be \$40. The first and second motions were withdrawn and the third was passed

unanimously. The board adjourned at 12:20.

A TERRIBLE FALL.

A. Borgenson Unhurt After a Drop of 35 Feet.

Augustus Borgenson, an employee the Albion Iron Works Company, had a remarkable escape from serious injury, if not death, at the parliament buildings this morning. He fell thirtyfive feet, and beyond a bad shaking up is apparently uninjured. Borgenson was at work in a swing in what will be the north end of the big assembly room. One end of the swing rested on a cross section of one of the supports of the big crane, while the other was fast to an iron girder from which Borgenson was cutting a rivet. The position of the swing had just been changed and Bor to the story told by Metro he had had genson had resumed work, when the Ambel under suspicion for some time and board turned under him and he fell. As his body shot downward it narrowly missed several projections on the crane support. The floors are all open under where the dome will be, and Borgenson landed on the ground in the basement. His fellow workmen from the Albion saw him fall and were sure he would be dead when they reached him. He was not, though, and as rar as they could tell no bones were broken. He was stunned and the shock was great. Borgenson was taken home by his fellow workmen to his place on Springfield avenue, where Dr. Frank Hall attended him. As far as known he was not hurt

family. AMERICAN DISPATCHES.

Days Doings in the Various States of the Republic.

New York, Aug. 1.-Thus far 4,700 of 16,000 strikers who went out last Sunday and Monday in the Metropolitan district are again busy at work. It is said that the strike may become nation-Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Utica, Syracuse, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Chicago are all large clothing markets where many thousands of workers are employed, and a large majority of them are organized.

Milwaukee, Aug. 1.—It transpires that the missing yacht Sunbeam is a myth and that the so-called Commodore glish, who represented himself to be the yacht's anxious owner, is apparently a humbug. A Toronto gentleman now in this time amounting to 40,000 pounds, the city says that the only son of Judge to its mining property on Horsefly river. Kingsmill, of Toronto, who was repre Work is being hurried forward as quicksented to be aboard the mythical yacht, is now at sea in command of H. M. S. Blenheim, and the other guests of the anxious commodore are as mythical as

his hotel bill. New York, Aug. 1.—Stocks closed weak. Gold to the amount of \$100,000 has

been withdrawn from the sub-treasury for shipment to Canada. Cleveland, O., Aug. 1.-M. A. Bradley. owner of the big steamer Alva, received day stating that the barge (whaleback) No. 117 ran into the Alva, making a large hole and filling the engine room with water. The stern is on the bottom and the bow is in four fathoms of

water. Both vessels were bound down. -At last evening's semi-annual meeting of the Victoria Building society the secretary's report and balance sheet were presented and ordered to be printed. The 45th drawing resulted in 204 being successful. No. 204 A and B being withdrawn, the possession of 204 C and D entitled Miss F. G. Walker to to the police this morning with his cheek is somewhat of a remarkable occurrence an appropriation of \$2,000. The draw-badly cut and a lump on his temple, and the sailing of two ships of the same line an appropriation of \$2,000. The drawing on his temple, and ing committee were Messrs. J. Holland, procured a summons for Henry Simpson on almost the same day for the same that on these accounts the United States is much favored, especially as Venezuela.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form. From Monday's Daily.

-As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, Mr. F. G. Dawley has assumed the management of the Four Mile House and there is no doubt but that the well known resort will become more popular than ever under the new management.

-The funeral of Mrs. Peter Hansen took place this morning from the family residence and the Roman Catholic cathedral, Rev. Father Van Nevel officiating. The following were the pallbearers: N. Bercci, B. Maguire, S. C. Amorsen, W. Hensen, L. Nelson, A. Jepson.

-His Lordship Bishop Lemmens will leave St. Joseph's Hospital this week. He is able to move about on crutches, and the rest of his treatment can be taken at home. The broken bones are knitting very well, but it will be several The next question taken up was the weeks before he will be able to walk. Mr. Gray died, the members of the Salappointment of a gymnastic instructor, It is now six weeks since his lordship

> -A child of Mr. G. W. Rowbottom, of 24 Frederick street, met with a serious accident yesterday. The child's grandfather was sitting on the doorstep Father Gray in army circles. Mr. sharpening his razor when the little one climbed on his lap and drew the razor across his face before the grandfather had time to prevent him. The wound is a very ugly one, extending across the

-There is a big bear travelling around near Colwood and the brave are busy trying to locate him, while the timid are industriously trying to keep out of his way. He was seen this morning by W. McNeill, proprietor of the Colwood hotel, but there was no opportunity to get a shot at him. The bear is believed to long.

from Nanaimo, made a disturbance on last he gave the accused \$15 in bills to Government street this morning. He was quite drunk and used some very fil-Constable Smith, taken before Magistrate Macrae at once, convicted and fined \$10 or in default 30 days in prison. He There were also a thistle case, a case of infraction of the streets by-law and of \$2.50 in each of the first two cases, while the third offender was let off with a remand.

-A. Ambelanight waiter at the Louisville restaurant, was arrested this afternoon charged with robbing the till of the restaurant. The complaint was made by Peter Metro, proprietor of the place. and there are two counts, one of stealing \$2.85 and another of \$2.50. According decided on a systematic watch. A hole was bored through the floor and ceiling from the room upstairs over the restaurant and a sentry stood guard for several nights running, and watching every move in the restaurant below. Thus the complainant got what he regards as sufficient evidence to convict Ambel of theft.

From Tuesday's Daily. -The sealing schooners will leave Sand Point and enter Behring Sea tomorrow, the first day allowed by the

-Fred Meredith Bourne, of Bolinas. California, and Miss Matilda de Lerma genson is a middle aged man and has a Fowler, of Lakeside, N. B., were united in marriage on Saturday, Rev. Percival Jenns officiating.

> -Constable McKenna left for New Westminster this morning with J. Haggerty, the sealer who became insane while on the Japanese coast and was brought home on the last Empress. He will leave him at the provincial asylum.

> -Constable Campbell is making short work of the thistles in Esquimalt district. Most of the smaller property act, and the constable is now serving the larger holders with notice. The act dealing with the matter says any person may notify a property owner to clear his property of thistles before August 1st.

From Wednesday's Daily. -The Horsefly Gold Mining Company has shipped another lot of steel pipe. ly as possible.

-A postoffice has been established at Galiano Island, with Herbert Macklin the yacht. One of the incidents of Eng- in charge as postmaster. The office will lish's anxiety was his failure to settle be in running order in about three weeks. The mail steamer will now stop regularly at Newport wharf.

-Frederic Bitancourt, a resident of Salt Spring Island, met with an accident the other day while hewing a log, cutting his leg with the axe. Dr. Dickson was called in and dressed the wound, dispatch from Sault Ste. Marie to- and Mr. Bitancourt is now about on

-Hon. Col. Baker, J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, and a fruit growers leave in the morning for the Agassiz convention, which opens tomorrow evening. R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, has already gone up. J. T. Wilkinson, of the Vancouver World, who is in the city, also leaves for the convention in the morning.

-Thomas Barrans, cook at a slaughter house near Cedar Hill, presented himself Highest of all in Leavening Power.- Latest U.S. Gov't Report

a day or so.

-The funeral of the late Samuel Grav will take place from the residence of his son, James Gray, 316 Douglas street, at 2:30 to-morrow. In Oakland, where vation Army turned out in large numbers to honor his memory. He had always been looked up to as a friend of the army, having done a great deal to assist the officers when they first came to Victoria, and he has been known as Gray went to Oakland to visit George Montgomery, the rich Salvationist. He became a member of the army. 'He was visiting the rescue home when he was struck out for the deeper woods. taken suddenly ill and died before he could be removed to his friend's home. The funeral services were held in the People's theatre building under the auspices of the Salvation Army. Brigadier General Keppel preached, referring in glowing terms to the work done by the deceased.

-When the case of George Howson was called in police court this morning be the same one that took a quarter of an attempt was made to have it withbeef away from the hotel not long ago. drawn, but Magistrate Macrae decline? There are several good shots in the par- to permit that. He said it was a crimties searching for the bear, and the lat- inal case, was properly before him and of the prisoners. His request was reter's hide will very likely be a rug before he owed it to his position and the public to hear it. The case was then proceed- mand was met by a flat refusal from ed with. -Robert Williams, an overland arrival Dallas Hotel, testified that on Thursday get changed into silver. Howson went up town, got full and did not return unthy language. He was arrested by til very late. He was discharged next morning and then refused to give up the were brought back to the camp, where money, as he claimed to be entitled to another demonstration was made by the notice to quit or wages for the legal could not pay the fine and went to jail. period. Mr. Cave said he believed Howson tried to find the money that morning, and closed his evidence by certifying row, but by a determined stand his men a case of drunkenness. There were fines to the character of the accused. Constable Palmer testified that Howson camp is in a state of intense excitement told him he had spent the money for and further trouble is feared. drink, but could easily get it from friends or from the old country. This closed the case for the prosecution and the trial was adjourned until afternoon. The defence was heard this afternoon and Howson was the only witness for himself. He said he got drunk and spent the money and had no intention whatever of stealing it. He was convicted, however, and sentenced to a

> month in prison. From Thursday's Daily, -One of the black swans and two geese belonging to the pork menagerie were killed last night by dogs.

-A hundred pounds of opium belonging to Victorians is reported to have been seized at Ogdensburg, N. Y.

-Shipping returns show that during July 120 vessels entered coastwise and 119 cleared. There entered from foreign ports 132 and 128 cleared.

-Chan Haw, an old Chinese resident of the city who recently left for the Orient, sent a donation of \$40 to the Protestant Orphans' Home just before his departure.

The customs returns for July are as follows: Imports-Dutiable, \$123,190; free, \$65,768; total, \$188,958. Duty collected, \$49,722.83; other revenues, \$4,-576.12; total, \$54,298.95. Exports-Produce of Canada, \$225,010; not produce of Canada, \$15,756; total, \$240,766.

-Police court returns for July are: Assault, 2; drunk, 10; possession of owners have already complied with the stolen property, 1; stealing, 1; Indian in possession of intoxicating liquor, 1; supplying intoxicants, 1; vagrancy, 1; frequenter houses of ill fame, 1; lodgings, 1; by-law infractions, 20; infraction of revenue act, 3; infraction trade marks act, 1; threatening language, 1; offenses charged, 49; convictions, 39.

> -The inland revenue returns for July Malt Pobacco.... 2,357 65 3,598 87 Total\$15,856 14

-John W. Powell, ex-State Senator of Nevada, is visiting his old friend Dixi H. Ross, and other Caribooites, after an absence of 21 years. Mr. Powell came to this country in 1864 and mined on Williams, Grouse and Lightning creeks. For the last seventeen years he has been mining engineer for the Dafoe mine in Nevada. He has just returned from Trail creek, where he was sent by capitalists from California and Oregon. Mr. Powell is well satisfied large delegation of island farmers and with the outlook in that country and speaks a roaring camp for next year. He leaves this evening for San Francisco.

-On July 27th the steamship Straits of Dover of the Northern Pacific line sailed from Yokohama for Victoria with 3,000 tons of overland cargo. The next day, July 28th, the steamship Victoria of the same line also sailed for this port with 2,700 tons of overland cargo. It F. Elworthy and James Wollcock. on a charge of assault. According to his story he was a little late about having which \$150,000 is out on mortgage.

On a charge of assault. According to his story he was a little late about having breakfast ready, and out of an argulows: Straits of Dover—Sailed from United States for counsel and guidance.

ment over the matter Mr. Simpson, who Yokohama July 27th, a.m., with 3,000 is also employed at the place, assaulted tons of overland carge; 200 tons for Vic-Barrans was cut rather badly toria, 1,300 tons for Portland and the and the hand that collided with his face Sound, 500 tons for Son Francisco. was evidently decorated with a ring of Victoria-sailed from Yokohama July some kind. The case will be heard in 28th, p.m., with 2,700 tons of overland cargo: 300 tons for Victoria, 700 tons for Portland and the Sound; 110 steerage passengers, 1,200 bales of silk.

BLACK AND WHITE.

A Riot Among the Miners-A Plucky Sheriff.

Birmingham, Ala., July 31.-Further details of the race riot at Brookside state that in the battle between the whites and the blacks last night several negroes were shot dead. The ranks of the whites are thinned by several being wounded. While the miners were caring for their wounded the negroes other posse, formed and headed by determined and stalwart miners, started in pursuit. Word was telegraphed to this city for help and Sheriff Morrow with 25 men left for the scene. At midnight they came up to the rioters. The whites had captured several of the negroes, but Biggars is not among them. The captured negroes were bound hand and foot and the dangling of a noose from the limb of a tree overhead told their impending fate when Sheriff Morrow arrived and demanded the surrender ceived in sullen silence and another de-Vincent Cave, clerk at the the leader of the white miners. The Sheriff threatened to open fire on both parties unless the prisoners were given up at once. Not until his men presented arms did the spokesman of the white miners deliver up the captives. They miners who had not joined in the pursuit. They made a desperate attempt to take the negroes from Sheriff Mordeterred them from using force. The

> JAPAN WILL FIGHT Before She Will Yield the Advantage

She has Gained.

Washington, Aug 1 .- The diplomatic corps in Washington are watching with special interest at present the settlement of the question of the evacuation of Port Arthur by the Japanese in view of mand which Russia, France, and Germany are reported to have made upon the Japanese to evacuate the entire Liao Tung peninsula, without reference to China's fulfilment of her part of the Shimonoseki treaty obligations. "Japan," said an official of the legation, "will fight before yielding the advantage she has in the peninsula. It is too important a lever to let go because it may suit Russia's purpose to ask it. Our understanding here is that the evacuation is to depend upon the payment of the indemnity. Japan certainly regarded the matter in that light when the treaty. was amended at the instance of the European powers. It may be claimed that the question is not any longer one between China and Japan, but rather one between Japan and the Europena ccuntries interested in the settlement, but this position is not tenable.

CONSUL PLUMACHER'S REPORT

Discusses the Commercial Situation in Venezuela.

Washington, D. C., July 31.-Mr. Plumacher, consul at Maracaibo, has made a report of great interest to the state department. Speaking of the trouble Venezuela has had with European nations seeking to seize upon her territory and substance, and pointing out the splendid opportunity open to the United States to extend its trade with Venezue la at the expense of other nations, he describes the opportunity lost by the United States from 1890 to 1894, owing to the refusal of Venezuela to accept the reciprocity propositions of the United States, but that since the duties were decreased he notes a slight improvement in the exports to New York, increasing from \$4,000,000 to \$7,000,000. He attributes the depression in Venezuela to the financial and political troubles of the country and says if the present crisis passes, the United States will have a great advantage owing to the diplomatic complications with Germany and Great Britain, our commercial rivals. "The Germans," he says "sre looked upon with but little favor on account of the threat to send German ironclads to La Guyara to enforce the payment of a subsidy due to the builders of the principal Venezuelan railway. The popular feeling upon this point was intensified by a suggestion in a leading newspaper, that the Germans knew very well that such payment was just now an impossibility, as the country was staggering under the burdens of the late war, and that they neither expected nor desired payment, but encouraged by the example of Great Britain, they thought it might be possible to secure a part of rich Guayara territory as an indemnity." "The feeling against Great Britain," he continues, "is now most intense throughout Venezuela." Mr. Plumacher says

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