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FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH, 1889.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, March 9.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

84 Above and 22 Below.

At noon yesterday in Victoria the temperature was 84 in the shade; at Winnipeg yesterday it was 22 below zero.

Y. M. C. A.

A despatch from Vancouver says the Y. M. C. A. of that city last evening pledged $5,500 towards the new building for the association.

Grain Elevator at Tacoma.

The Northern Pacific Elevator Co., at Tacoma, have started the construction of a new elevator, having a capacity of one million bushels. This is in addition to the one already in course of construction.

Naval.

H. M. S. Sultan has been wrecked on the island of Comino, in the Mediterranean. The captain and crew were saved. The Sultan was an iron armor-plated vessel of 2900 tons. She was temporarily attached to the Mediterranean squadron.

Drank Kerosene.

A little two-year-old daughter of Mr. W. Hancock, of Garesche, Green & Co., drank a cup of coal oil which was standing on the kitchen table, on Thursday evening. Dr. Hanington was called in, and succeeded in relieving the little sufferer, who is now doing well.

The Money Handed Over.

Mr. Wm. M. Chudley, secretary of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, informs us that yesterday morning the grant of $20,000, promised by the provincial government, was paid into the Bank of British Columbia to the credit of the hospital general committee.

"The Nanaimo Courier."

Nanaimo's morning paper, the *Courier*, has changed hands, a company with a capital of $20,000 having bought out Mr. Todd's interest. It is the intention of the new publishing company to enlarge the *Courier*, purchase a new plant and otherwise improve the journal.

What the O. R. & N. Strike Cost.

Now that the strike on the O. R. & N. Co's boats has been satisfactorily settled, the costs can be counted up, to the loss to the company of about $3000. As to a benefit in savings had the order for reduction in wages been enforced, it would have saved about $200 per month.

Three Fingers Gone.

A young man named Marks, employed in Porter's butcher shop, had the three first fingers severed from his right hand by a blow of the cleaver in the hands of a companion, last evening. Dr. Hall was called in and attended to the injured hand. The victim of the accident lost considerable blood, but is now doing well.

Sunday School Entertainment.

The schoolroom of the Pandora Street Methodist Church was the scene last evening of the first of a series of pleasant entertainments given by the pupils of the school. The chair was filled by the superintendent of the school, and a programme, consisting of music, readings, recitations, etc., was presented in a most creditable manner by the pupils. The attendance was good, and it is needless to say all enjoyed the evening.

Crusade Against Saloons.

A crusade has been instituted at Vancouver against those saloons which keep their doors open for the free entrance and exit of the public on Sundays. On Tuesday morning the proprietors of three saloons were summoned for selling liquor the previous Sunday. The proprietors were each fined $20 and costs, and warned that another conviction for the same reason would entail a forfeiture of license.

High Water in the Fraser.

Reports from Chilliwhack say the water in the Fraser rose twelve inches on Tuesday at that point. This is an evidence of mild weather in the interior and the thawing of the snow on the mountains. The usual driftwood which accompanies high water, was observed passing down the river to-day, and the water was very muddy. There is a great possibility that the usual June high water will be of much smaller volume than for many years.

Williams' New Directory.

Mr. R. T. Williams' new British Columbia Directory is drawing towards completion, and in a few weeks subscribers will be furnished with the best directory ever published in the province. The work will contain about 5,000 names in excess of the Henderson directory, and, from beginning to end, it is a home-made production. Mr. Draper, who has had the task of compiling the volume, has labored faithfully to make the directory in every way a credit to the publisher and to the province.

Labelled "Sauerkraut."

The opium seizure which was made at Ellensburg by inspectors from Tacoma, came from British Columbia through the Salmon river mining country by team and pack animals. It was received at Ellensburg by a man going under the name of Wm. Miller, who has been in town for the past month peddling hot sausages around the saloons as a blind. This is the second shipment he has made, the former one being seized in Tacoma, both consignments being in barrels and labelled "sauerkraut."

The New Steamer Arrives.

The steamer City of Pueblo, Captain Debney, arrived at the ocean dock at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Leaving San Francisco at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, she made the trip in exactly 55½ hours — remarkably good time. The Pueblo, which now takes her place on the San Francisco-Victoria route, is a fine boat of 2,600 tons gross or 1,700 tons nett. In build she closely resembles her companion, the "Queen of the Pacific," which was also built at the Hampshire yards. The new steamer is most luxurious in her appointments; her staterooms and salons are models of elegance and comfort, and her dining salon, finished in oak and leather upholstered furniture, with tables *en family*, is the most complete of any steamer on the coast. On the initial trip the Pueblo carried nine first-class and fifteen steerage passengers for Victoria, the former being: J. J. Nelson, Van. Belfer, C. Munson, W. James, W. E. Barnes, Theo. Simpson, E. H. Spooner, T. J. and Mrs. Jones. The freight composed 700 tons: Victoria, 91; Port Townsend, 37; Seattle, 309; Tacoma, 192; Vancouver, 69. The Pueblo will leave for Puget Sound to-day.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

VIENNA, March 8.—Ex-King Milan, of Servia, has adopted the title of Count Takowa.

BELLEFONT, Pa., Marrh 8.—Flour mills, with a grain warehouse and dwelling, the property of Kurtz & Son, at Centre Hill, together with the grain house and elevator of Bartholomew & Co., were burned today. The loss is $35,000, partly insured. The cause is unknown.

ALBANY, N.Y., March 8.—Thomas C. Cooper, wholesale dealer in provisions, assigned to-day. Liabilities, $100,000; assets, $65,000.

THE COAST TRADE.

Extra Steamers on the San Francisco and Alaska Routes to Meet the Increased Tourist Travel.

Beginning next week, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company will run three steamers between this city and San Francisco. These are the City of Puebla, the Walla Walla and the Idaho. This reveals that the passenger traffic on this route is increasing at a rapid rate. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has decided to add the steamers George W. Elder and Olympian to those running on the Alaska route. This will make a total of four steamers on this route, to-wit: the Ancon, Idaho, George W. Elder and Olympian. The Olympian will make her first trip on June 17th. The George W. Elder will make her first trip on April 28th. It is anticipated that the tourist travel to Alaska will be larger this season than ever before, and it must needs be when it will take four steamers like the above named to accommodate it. The Alaskan will be brought around from Portland to take the place of the Olympian on the Seattle-Victoria route.

THE STEAMSHIP UMATILLA

To be Placed on the San Francisco-Honolulu Route.

The steamship Umatilla, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's fleet, has been chartered by the Oceanic Steamship Company to take the place of the Australia on the Hawaiian line. It is not the Walla Walla that was chartered for the purpose, as was at first intended and so reported. The steamship Australia will return from Honolulu about the 20th instant, and will be placed in the dry dock, and the time occupied in making the repairs intended will be about 100 days. To-day the Umatilla will sail from this port to San Francisco. She is one of the finest steamers that ever sailed from Victoria, as she is provided with all modern improvements, such as electric lights, bells, and has the finest of saloon accommodations.

The Umatilla will sail on her first trip on the Honolulu route from San Francisco on the 30th instant, and will sail from that port every 28 days thereafter, the round trip being made in about three weeks. This of course will withdraw the Umatilla from the Victoria-San Francisco route.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Mr. Max Mowat on Wednesday turned loose 400,000 young salmon in Sumas Lake. Another large batch of salmon fry will be deposited in Harrison Lake next week.

The Salvation Army were assaulted by a gang of young hoodlums at the corner of Douglas and Fort streets on Thursday evening. One of the officers was roughly handled, and knowing who their assailants were, will take proceedings against them.

It is the intention of the St. John's Church choir, with assistance from others, to give a full choral service on the Tuesday after Easter Sunday. It promises to be the event of the season, as some of the best local talent intend taking part.

A number of enterprising Vancouverites have pre-empted a portion of False Creek, near the foot of Granville street, and let a contract to have it enclosed with piles. Mr. Murray Thain, harbor master, obtained an injunction to have the work stopped pending a decision from the marine department at Ottawa.

MARINE.

S.S. Batavia is due from China to-day.

British bark Francis Thorpe has cleared from Port Townsend to Queenstown with 65,416 bushels wheat, valued at $55,000.

The little steamer North Bay, while tied up at Olympia, on Wednesday night, was burned to the water's edge. Loss $2,500.

Bark Malay, now at Westminster, has a cargo consigned for the most part to Turner, Beeton & Co. The cargo will be discharged at the Royal City, and brought to Victoria by the steamer Rainbow.

British bark Chasea, at San Francisco, bound for Puget Sound, was badly damaged by fire on Thursday morning. Fire broke out among sails stored beneath the cabin, and the vessel came near being destroyed. The loss is about $12,000, covered by insurance.

The British vessel El Dorado, 1270 tons burden, has passed through the Panama canal from Aspinwall to Chagres, a distance of 15 miles. This is the first foreign vessel that has passed through the canal from one port to another.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Reid has returned from Vancouver.

Mr. Justice Crease returned from Nanaimo yesterday.

H. V. Edmonds, of Westminster, is at the Driard.

Charles Gabriel returned from Seattle yesterday afternoon.

T. J. Jones, D. L. S., and Mrs. Jones returned from San Francisco by the City of Pueblo last evening.

THE TAXATION LAW.

TO THE EDITOR:—In your article entitled "Wanted," you have drawn public attention to the arbitrary manner of assessing and valuing property, and to the absence of any fixed basis upon which such taxation is carried on. It appears that the duty of assessing property is left to the treasurer of the city, and this gentleman's multifarious duties precludes him from doing justice to this very important work, nor should it be expected that one person can do it satisfactorily. Though you suggest that the corporation should have an expert specially named for this purpose, would it not be preferable for the city board to have three experts selected from its own members, or city men, to value properties yearly and to give returns to the board, who would revise the taxation list as a committee. It could even give proprietors an opportunity of appearing before them if they had any ground for complaint. This system of taxation would, with greater force, apply to the assessing of personal property, which, at its best, is only arrived at by guess work. It would, however, be the most impartial way of assessing property, and not be left to the decision or caprice of one individual. The assessors would be paid at fixed rates for every day they were engaged in their official duties; by this means property would be valued justly and impartially, and would no doubt bring a good surplus into the city coffers. I have seen this system work elsewhere and to give general satisfaction.*

March 6th, 1889. G. S.

*Perhaps the late treasurer may explain to your readers the mode of assessment now in force.

An Absconding Grain Dealer.

A despatch from Mason City, Iowa, says: "D. W. Shook, the grain dealer who recently absconded from St. Stephens, Minn., with $16,000 belonging to creditors, has been heard from in Victoria, B. C. It is said his family will join him there."

Sealing.

The sealing schooner Maggie Mac arrived at San Francisco on Sunday. She reports having captured 165 seals on her way down from Victoria. She spoke five sealers during the passage, all of whom gave accounts of goods catches.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, March 10.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Fraser River Bridge.

It is given out that the contract for the approaches and piers for the railway bridge across the Fraser river at Mission has been awarded to Mr. D. McGillivray, the well-known contractor of Vancouver.

May Lose His Sight.

Henry Rivers, a painter in the employ of H. B. Randall, and who resides on Douglas street, had one of his eyes badly injured by a piece of steel filing flying into it while he was sharpening a saw on Friday. It is feared that he will lose his sight.

From Liverpool.

The British bark, Thomas S. Stowe, Capt. Fraser, 147 days out from Liverpool with a general cargo consigned to Welch, Rithet & Co., arrived in the Roads yesterday morning. The Stowe had fair weather all the way over, and no incidents worthy of being chronicled occurred on the trip.

"Jim" Hill's Railroad.

Major Rogers, chief engineer of the "Jim" Hill railroad, is at Tacoma. The major states that the road must be completed to Puget Sound tidewater within a year or two, or it will have to go into bankruptcy. As a colonization scheme it is a failure, and can only pay as a transcontinental enterprise.

What a "Whopper."

The San Francisco *Examiner* of Wednesday last contains a purported interview with C. A. Ward, a U. S. customs officer at Port Huron, Mich., in which he states that the Victoria opium ring is so powerful that it has "bought up the conductors, brakemen and engineers on all trains, and the telegraph and express officers, and in fact practically own the whole of Victoria."

The B. C. Mining Review.

The *British Columbia Monthly and Mining Review* for March is issued, and is fully equal to the former numbers. The publisher is keeping up the interest in his publication by persistent effort, the March number containing many articles of peculiar interest to mining men. The *Review* should meet with the success it deserves, and we are pleased to learn its circulation is constantly increasing.

No Changes in the Tariff.

There are to be no changes in the tariff. Scores of deputations have been visiting Ottawa for weeks past, seeking every change imaginable. The flour men wanted the Government to increase the duty on American flour from 50 cents to $1 per barrel, and Canadian lumber men, in view of the hostile action of Congress, sought a reduction in or abolition of the export duty on pine saw-logs. Scrap-iron and steel deputations also visited the capital in vain.

For San Francisco.

Steamship Umatilla left for San Francisco yesterday afternoon with the following passengers from this city: Mrs. G. Harder and child, Miss Cullum, W. Boyd and wife, L. L. Doane, J. L. Shahan, R. V. Winch and wife, Mrs. J. S. Chase, W. H. Williams, L. T. Lancaster, W. H. McLaren, Miss L. Murdoch, Miss E. Barret, Mrs. Cox, Thos. Short, William Clark, Geo. Jamieson, R. J. Styles, J. G. Bingham, Rev. C. Croucher, and 13 in the steerage.

He Landed on His Feet.

While Nelson McDonald, the seven year old son of Mr. Alexander McDonald of "The Windsor," was playing in the loft in the top storey of the Transfer Company's stable on Friday afternoon, he slipped and fell through the trap door through which hay is tossed down to the horses on the ground floor. His fall must have been at least thirty feet to the floor, but, strange to say, he managed to land on his feet on a little pile of hay, which broke the force of the fall. A sprained ankle and a thorough shaking up comprised the full extent of his injury, and the attention of a medical man even was not required.

A Flying Visit.

The steamer Sardonyx arrived from northern ports at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Leaving Spratt's wharf at 4:30 p.m. on Friday March 1st, she made the round trip in exactly seven days, seventeen and one-half hours. Even by this fine steamer, this is unusually fast time. The only news brought down by the Sardonyx is that the canneries are all waiting for fish to commence the season's work. The passengers from the north were: Mrs. Jennings, W. H. Dempster, R. Draney, S. A. Spencer, W. G. Young, D. Stewart, R. G. Cunningham, Charles Griswold, Martha Griswold, Annie Benk, Susie Benk, Ada Benk, Louis Gosnell and six Indians.

A Narrow Escape.

Mr. W. J. Pendray, proprietor of the British Columbia Soap Works, while working at the machine used in cutting the soap into bars, had the thumb severed from his left hand by the knife, yesterday afternoon. The knife, which is arranged on the guillotine principle, went cleanly through, between the first knuckle and the base of the thumb. Had it cut one-half an inch closer, lockjaw must have resulted. As it was, Mr. Pendray after trying to find the piece of thumb which was lost in the soap, hurried to Dr. Hanington who trimmed and dressed the stump. It is said that no danger from lockjaw is to be feared, but it was certainly a close call.

Cutting Rates.

The *Oregonian* says: "The Canadian Pacific Company's steamer Danube, which is now in port, is not likely to get a full cargo of flour for China this trip, on account of a slash in rates at San Francisco. A Chinese firm there put on a sailing vessel for Hong Kong and secured a cargo of flour at $3.50 per ton. Other Chinese merchants induced the China steamships to cut $4 per ton to meet this rate, and $4 per steamer being better than $3.50 by sailer, the result was that the next two steamers took for China and Japan 3000 tons of flour. As this is quite a supply for that market, and as there has been no corresponding cut of rates at Portland, our shippers are a little slow in filling up the Danube with flour. She will take some dried fruit.

MARINE.

Ship Broderson left St. Vincent for Victoria on the 11th ult.

Steamship Abyssinia, from Vancouver, arrived at Yokohama on the 8th inst.

Steamship Umatilla sailed for San Francisco yesterday afternoon.

Steamship City of Pueblo will leave for San Francisco on Friday next, the 15th inst.

Bark Norcross, bound from Victoria to London, was spoken on January 30th, in latitude 5 N., longitude 28 W.

Steamship San Mateo, with 4,500 tons Wellington coal, sailed from Departure Bay for San Francisco on Friday.

Ship Kennebec, Capt. Lowe, sailed from Nanaimo on Friday for San Francisco, with 3,350 tons of Vancouver coal. The departure of this vessel left Nanaimo harbor bare of shipping, for the first time in many months.

The silver trowel presented to the Hon. John Robson, on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the St. Andrew's new Presbyterian Church, is on exhibition at Pennock & Clayton's.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The Nanaimo *Courier* Company intend applying for an act of incorporation.

There is a movement on foot among the Hebrew residents of Vancouver to erect a handsome synagogue.

Mr. Thomas Nuttall yesterday disposed of five acres of land fronting on Beacon Hill park for $10,000.

Mr. George Fielding and Miss Ada Thompson were united in marriage last evening. Congratulations.

Mr. R. Berthwick is erecting three two-story residences on Quebec street, James Bay. Mr. W. Lane is the contractor.

A woman named Mrs. Knight was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officer Mitten, on a warrant charging her with being of unsound mind.

The Saturday night entertainment given by the Blue Ribbon Club was enjoyable and successful. The programme consisted of music, addresses, etc.

The ratepayers of Nanaimo, on the 18th inst., will vote on a by-law to enable the "black diamond" city to borrow $30,000, to be expended on permanent improvements.

At a drawing of the Vancouver Island Building Society, held at Harmony Hall on Friday evening, No. 170 was the winning share—held by Mrs. Toller and Alex. Wright.

The Victoria Lumbering and Manufacturing Company, who a few months ago made an extensive purchase of timber lands on the Island, have opened an office in Telegraph Block.

A few days ago, Johnnie Aden, who is employed in the picture framing establishment of Mr. Joseph Somers, by a chisel which he was using, slipping, had the top of his thumb taken off.

The types yesterday made us say that "the government had paid over the sum of $2,000 to the Royal Jubilee Hospital." The figures should have read *twenty thousand dollars*.

A man named Joseph Beanneau was found dead on the beach at Chemainus on Friday. It is supposed he died of heart disease, as he had lately been an inmate of the Nanaimo hospital and was known to be suffering from that disease.

A. S. Groves, who for the past two months has filled the position of night operator for the C.P.R. Telegraph Co. at Nanaimo, was suddenly taken ill of neuralgia of the heart on Friday, and was conveyed to the hospital, where he lies in a critical condition.

It would be well for local disciples of Isaak Walton to take note of the fact that trout fishing in the lakes is at present illegal. The season does not open for trout fishing until after the 15th inst.

A solitary tap of the Tiger bell at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, caused the firemen to turn out ready for an alarm. The tap of the bell was not repeated, and the cause of the early morning alarm is unexplained.

Sing Kee, a Chinese vegetable peddler, was thrown from his wagon on the Saanich road, on Friday morning, and was severely bruised. The horse ran away and broke the wagon before being stopped.

A contract has been let at Seattle for the construction of a seven-story building, to cost $110,000. The block will be one of the largest on the coast, and will exceed in height any building north of San Francisco. It will have an elevation of 127 feet and a frontage of 120 feet.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

Notwithstanding the wet weather yesterday, the Esquimalt boys met and defeated the High School at Beacon Hill, by two goals and four tries to *nil*.

Owing to the rainy weather yesterday afternoon, there was no lacrosse match at Beacon Hill. Neither did the cyclists meet for organization.

O'CONNOR WANTS TO KNOW.

The following, received yesterday by Mayor Grant, speaks for itself:

"I am told that your citizens intend giving a regatta on Queen's birthday. If so I would likely join the others who are here who intend going—Messrs. Hamm, Lee and Peterson. Of course the stake will be the inducement—that is, the first money being large enough—and my expenses being paid. I intend remaining on the coast until I hear from H. Searles, of Australia, in answer to my challenge to row in England or Australia, and in what month, meantime taking advantage of climate here. Hoping to hear from you in reply as soon as convenient, respectfully yours,

W. O'CONNOR,
Champion of America.

HERE AND THERE.

The Elliott family of trick and acrobatic bicyclists passed through the city yesterday, *en route* to the Sound ports, where they are booked for exhibitions.

SPEEDY TRIALS.

[Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C.J.]

Chaw How, the Chinese bad man charged with feloniously wounding a brother Chinaman named Lung Chung, came up for trial in the Speedy Trials Court yesterday, but owing to the disappearance of the victim of the stabbing, an adjournment was necessitated. The case was accordingly remanded for one month, the accused being admitted to bail in two sureties of $250 each and himself in a like sum. Mr. W. H. Langley, of Drake, Jackson and Helmcken, appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. Charles Wilson for the defense.

CITY POLICE COURT.

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

John Haynes, convicted of creating a disturbance, by being drunk, was assessed $5.

Blair and Robertson, two city hackmen, charged with fighting on the public street, pleaded guilty and were each fined $5.

James Barnsley was charged with an infraction of the street by-law, it being stated that he had blocked the sidewalk in front of his residence in James Bay. The case was remanded until Wednesday next.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. S. Chase left for San Francisco by yesterday's steamer.

Fred and Mrs. Mollet and Miss Effinger, of Tacoma, are at the Driard.

Luke Pither and wife, of Westminster, came over last night and are at the Driard.

R. G. Cunningham, the northern canner, was a passenger down on the Sardonyx.

S. Tingley and Mrs. Tingley, of Ashcroft, were passengers from Vancouver last night.

H. J. Lipsett, of the firm of Jones & Lipsett, real estate brokers, Port Townsend, came over yesterday.

W. H. Dempster, R. Draney and S. A. Spencer came down from the north by the Sardonyx yesterday.

Miss Ada Mugridge arrived from Toronto a few days ago to join her mother in this city, where both will make their home.

D. N. McPhee arrived from Port Townsend on the Umatilla yesterday morning, and will remain in the city until to-morrow. He reports business at Port Townsend flourishing.

Ralph N. Wagner, advance representative of Earle Bros. New York Musical Comedy company, is in the city, awaiting this company. They will appear at Victoria theatre, Friday, March 15th.

F. C. Ambridge, formerly auditor of the C.P.R. and at present one of Tacoma's live real estate men, was in the city yesterday and left for Vancouver this morning.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, March 12.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

From the Sealers.

A letter dated Port Orford, Or., 2nd March, states that the sealing schooners below reported the following catches: Walter L. Rich, 169; O. S. Fowler, 50; Sylvia Handy, 160; Helen Blum (18th Feb.), 143.

Improvements.

Mr. J. Turner has prepared plans for the erection of one two-storey store and four cottages at the corner of North Park and Cook streets. Also three two-storey residences of handsome design on Bellot street, near Cook.

Real Estate and Financial Agency.

T. G. Rayner has opened a real estate, and financial agency office at 59 Wharf street. Mr. Rayner is well known as an upright, and practical business man, and all who employ him will be well and faithfully served. His advertisement will be found in another column. We wish every success.

$2,000 Per Foot Frontage.

Half a lot, with a rickety brick building thereon, corner of First and Stark streets, Portland, was disposed of for $50,000 on Saturday. This is at the rate of $2,000 per foot frontage, and is the highest price ever paid for real estate in Portland.

Bought by a Syndicate.

Mr. E. Stoutt, of Yale, who has been mining in that section of the country since '58, is registered at the Oriental. He states that the old Vincent claim, opposite Yale, has been bought by a Scotch syndicate, with plenty of money, who intend putting in a new flume and making general improvements on an extensive scale.

Oriel Drain Pipe.

A deputation of three members of the Seattle chamber of commerce will arrive during the week for the purpose of inspecting the works of the Oriel Sanitary Drain Pipe Co. of this city. Arrangements will likely be made with the owners of the patent, and similar works established in Seattle for the purpose of manufacturing the pipe for sewerage purposes.

Seattle's Electric Railway.

The Seattle Electric Street Railway is being pushed to completion, and in about ten days will be finished. The work is being done in the most substantial manner, and those who have seen other electric roads in operation, claim that this one will work successfully, as it is built in the most solid manner, out of the best materials obtainable. Under such conditions it can scarcely fail to work successfully from the start.

A Disastrous Runaway.

A disastrous runaway occurred at Ross Bay cemetery on Sunday afternoon. The runaway horse, a very mettlesome animal, driven by a lady, barely escaped throwing the buggy to which it was attached, with the occupants, over the little bridge, in fact would have certainly done so had not Mr. Charles Labelle and a companion, who were in a buggy ahead, managed to intercept the unmanageable steed, with the result that their vehicle was badly injured, while the other escaped with scarcely a scratch.

William Marshall Dead.

Mr. William Marshall, one of the old pioneers, whom the gold excitement brought to Victoria in '58, and who has been for many years engaged in the hotel business in this city, latterly as proprietor of "The" Gorge Hotel," died at San Francisco yesterday, while on his way home from the Sulphur Springs. The deceased was born in Baltimore, Md., and was about sixty years of age. He leaves behind him a loving wife and one son. The remains will be brought to this city for interment, by the next steamer.

Naval.

H.M.S. Icarus arrived at Esquimalt on Sunday evening, from the South. All on board are well and report having had nothing but pleasant weather all the way up from Panama. Coming through the Straits of Magellan the Icarus ran against an iceberg, receiving slight injuries, which she has gone into the dock at Esquimalt to have repaired. It is expected that she will get out by to-morrow night. The following are the officers: Commander, William M. Annesley; lieutenants, Duncan McPherson, Godfrey M. Courage, Edward C. Tyndale-Biscoe, Carlton V. de M. Cowper; paymaster, Henry S. Baskerville; surgeon, Thomas Dunlop; chief engineer, Samuel G. Follett; gunner, William J. Tabot.

News From Texada.

No new ledges have been reported as being discovered during the past week. Development work is going on steadily and many of the claims are looking exceedingly well as the work proceeds. The "Nancy" claim, owned by the Bluebell company, is looking first rate, and it is claimed that the character of the quartz is much the same as the celebrated "Golden Slipper" belonging to the Texada Mining Company. Thirteen claims have been located during the past week on the south-eastern part of the island. It is the intention of the locators, who it is said represent eastern capitalists, to immediately develop them, and should the claims show up well, to bond them to these parties.—*Courier.*

Pushed on a Revolving Saw.

On Saturday afternoon, a man named Bird, employed at the Moodyville sawmill, was badly injured and by chance only escaped death. It seems that Bird had taken the place at the saw of a Kanacka, who did not feel disposed to yield up his position, and he attempted to take his place by force. A struggle ensued in which the enraged Kanacka, whether willingly or not, shoved Bird on the saw. Luckily his arm alone came in contact with the teeth of the instrument, which tore the flesh in a painful manner, but not to the extent that the limb will have to be amputated. This stopped the quarrel and Bird, after having his arm bound up, went over to Vancouver. It was at first his intention to have a warrant issued against his assailant, but he concluded finally not to push the matter.

An Employer Surprised.

Mr. John Kurtz, the pioneer cigar manufacturer of the province, was yesterday waited upon at his place of business on Government street by the employés of his Victoria and Vancouver factories, who took occasion of the fact that the day was his 58th birthday to present him with a magnificent gold headed cane, and the following address, expressive of their high esteem. Mr. Kurtz replied, thanking his employes in a few cordial words, after having recovered from his complete astonishment:

Mr. John Kurtz.

DEAR SIR,—We the employes of your firm at Victoria and Vancouver wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to you, on this the 58th anniversary of your birth. Kindly accept this token of our friendship and esteem. Wishing you a long life and prosperity.

We remain, yours respectfully,
YOUR VICTORIA EMPLOYES.

The following is from the Vancouver foreman:

Mr. J. Kurtz.

DEAR SIR,—It affords me the greatest of pleasure to be able to send you my most heartfelt congratulations on your 58th birthday, and to wish you health and the enjoyment of a good old age. The boys in the factory also join with me in wishing you long life and happiness, and let me assure you these sentiments are from the bottom of our hearts.

Respectfully yours,
C. L. BEHNSEN.

Obituary.

Mr. Charles Ward died at his residence, Churchway, yesterday afternoon, after a long illness. The deceased gentleman was a native of Reading, Berkshire, England, and was aged 54 years. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence, and at 2:15 from Christ Church Cathedral.

The Walla Walla's Passengers.

The following passengers for Victoria are on board the steamer Walla Walla, which sailed from San Francisco yesterday: Mrs. Funderhill, M. M. English, wife and two children, Miss English, M. and C. English, D. H. Ford, Miss T. Milton, J. P. Woods, A. Russell, W. B. White, Mrs. J. B. Gardiner, Mrs. M. Cameron, Chas. Bennett, J. H. McDonald, W. H. Quinn, A. Nicholson and wife, M. O. Oliver.

The W. C. T. U. Entertainment.

The Blue Ribbon Hall was well filled last evening by an appreciative audience, which had gathered to enjoy the entertainment given by the W. C. T. U. Mr. N. Shakespeare was in the chair, and after a short introductory address, the evening's programme was commenced by a duet by the Misses Lee and Cummings, followed by Miss Kettle; solo, by Mr. Brown; recitation, Mrs. Offerhaus; duet, Miss Humber and Mr. Brown; solo, Prof. Sharpe; recitation, Miss Kettle; instrumental solo, violin and piano, the Masters Hall; recitation, Miss Jeffree; solo, Miss Humber; reading, Mr. Landdell; recitation, Miss Kettle; solo, Mr. Kinnaird; recitation, Mr. Spencer. The meeting was closed by the National Anthem, and the audience left well pleased with the entertainment.

Sent to the Insane Asylum.

The unfortunate Mrs. Knight, a Chinese cook named Ah Sam, and a young girl named Jennie Hamilton were sent up to Westminster this morning to be placed in the lunatic asylum. Mrs. Knight, who was taken in charge on Saturday last for safe keeping, was yesterday pronounced insane, and an order was made out for her commitment to the asylum. She is convinced that she is at last to be sent home to England, this being her hobby for some months past. Ah Sam is positive he is a dog, and barks and growls at all who approach him. The third unfortunate—Jennie Hamilton—has been employed as a servant girl by a family in the city, and was handed over to the police yesterday for safe keeping. She has been a resident of this city only a short time, and was brought out from the north of Ireland. She is afflicted with religious mania, and last evening she had several bad paroxysms, spitting and foaming at the mouth.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Eight degrees below zero at Winnipeg on Sunday.

The Sardonyx will sail for the north on Friday next.

A wedding will take place in Rithetville, James Bay, this evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the school board will be held to-night.

Conversazione at the schoolroom of the R. E. Church to-night. Good programme.

The quarterly meeting of the bench of licensing magistrates will be held on Friday next at noon.

The infant son of Mr. Thos. Porter of the Burnside Road, died yesterday and will be interred to morrow.

Mrs. Sampson, the celebrated business and test medium, will positively give no sittings after the 16th inst. 3t

The moon is being overworked and the electric light is getting rusty. Between the two, the streets were pitch dark last night.

Mr. James Spencer, late of England, will give a temperance lecture at Blue Ribbon Hall, Pandora street, on Saturday evening next at eight o'clock. All are invited.

PERSONAL.

P. Cordiner, of Vancouver, is at the Oriental.

Mme. F. X. Martin, of Vancouver, is in the city.

Capt. Power, Moodyville, is at the Driard.

Francis Bourchier returned from Westminster last night.

Mrs. J. F. Jagers arived from the mainland last evening.

Capt. H. G. Lewis leaves on the "Douglas" to-morrow.

Z. G. Goldberg, of the Cheapside clothing store, Vancouver, is in town on a visit.

G. E. Corbould, of the firm of Corbould, McColl & Jenns, Westminster, is in the city.

W. N. Bole, M.P.P., Jas. Orr, M.P.P., and W. H. Ladner, M.P.P., arrived by the steamer Princess Louise last night.

Rev. J. W. Wadman, of the Gorge Road Methodist Church, preached in Vancouver both morning and evening on Sunday last.

H. A. Galbrsith, representing J. & J. Taylor's Toronto Safe Works, is at the Driard and will remain in town for a couple of weeks. Mr. Galbraith is a brother of R. L. T. Galbraith, ex-M.P.P. for Kootenay district.

GORDON HEAD DISTRICT ROAD.

TO THE EDITOR:—A document with about thirty names appended has been sent to the land department, directing attention to the absolute necessity—if the district is to flourish, or exist at all—for adequate repair and extension to its road system, the locality having heavier traffic, from its cordwood, than Government street, and a larger number of settlers than any place of the same geographical size in the electoral district of Victoria, a fact no doubt consequent on all persons of extra ratiocination perceiving that it is *the* place of the province to live at, if it had an average highway; but this it never had, for while other roads are for months under dust, Gordon Head road is under water. This is caused, some people say, by lateral pressure, from all the gravel being placed on the Saanich roads. Others think that it percolates in from the surrounding mountains, also from Comox and Timbucloo. However, be this as it may, the residents are becoming tired of climbing in on top of the fences for half the year; and furthermore should Macaulay's proverbial New Zealander ever see the present road abortion he would—not knowing how it could be got over—decide that the settlers must have had wings; so that all things considered, the present necessity, and future character, it is about time that a proper road was constructed.

ELECTOR.

MARINE.

Steamship Walla Walla sailed from San Francisco for Victoria yesterday.

The Dominion steamer "Sir J. Douglas," leaves to-morrow with supplies for all the lighthouses.

Schr. Favorite sails for the west coast and Behring's Sea on a sealing expedition, either to-day or to-morrow.

Bark Mennock, after discharging her cargo here, will leave for Port Townsend to load lumber for South America.

S.S. Batavia, from China and Japan, passed up early on Sunday morning, and arrived at Vancouver in the afternoon. She had 2000 tons of freight.

Ship Glory of the Seas, for Port Townsend, and bark Princess Alexandria, for Burrard Inlet, have sailed from San Francisco.

THE JAPAN AND CHINA STEAMSHIPS.

TO THE EDITOR:—I notice that the Victoria press has not given a fair and accurate account of the interview the British Columbia members had with the Premier on the subject of the Japan and China steamers calling at Victoria inwards and outwards, and that the mainland members are wrongfully accused of being opposed to the views set forth by the Island members. The facts of the case are briefly these. Mr. Prior and myself placed questions almost simultaneously, with previous consultation, on the order paper about this service. We then individually, without consultation, waited on the Postmaster-General, who told us that the contract was made in England to suit the views of the postoffice department, and that he had nothing to do with it. A few days afterwards I met Mr. Prior at the Premier's residence and in speaking to him on the subject the Premier overheard us and asked us what was the matter. I told him we were much perplexed over the turn affairs had taken in the Pacific mail contract, and that we must have an interview with him. Subsequently I wrote a note to Mr. Prior asking him to arrange a day and hour when we could see the Premier. He did so, and thoughtfully asked the mainland members and Mr. Gordon to be present. Senator Reid, Mr. Mara, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Prior and myself were present. Senator McInnes and Mr. Chisholm, although not at the interview, have no objection to our contention and think it a fair and reasonable thing that the steamers should call at Victoria. The other mainland members expressed no opinions at the interview, but I know from their presence there that they fully endorsed all that I said to and urged on the Premier. Mr. Barnard, the only one who spoke besides myself, urged that the steamers should come to the wharf and allow all passengers desirous to land to do so. Therefore, "honor to whom honor." I am happy to say, Mr. Editor, that since three members of the British Columbia delegation have dropped out of the