Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Duty on Lead.

A deputation has waited on the government at Washington to request that an import duty of 1½ cents a pound be placed on lead, to shut out the British Columbia and Mexican productions.

Outbreak of Measles.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* learns that measles have appeared in epidemic form at Toby and Malispina Inlets on the mainland coast. In one family alone 5 deaths occurred. This is hardly to be wondered at when it is remembered that Indians, in case of any eruption of the skin, rush into the salt water to bathe.

Reforms in the Hudson Bay Co.

A London dispatch says: The Hudson's Bay Company's shareholders' committee is actively agitating for three reforms in the management: A reformation of the board; the production of fuller accounts, and a thorough enquiry into every branch of the land and trading departments. The movement is well-supported.

An Embezzling Evangelist.

A copy of the International Detective Agency report of Cincinnati, has been received at Vancouver, describing G. W. Rasure, the pseudo cowboy evangelist, to be a fraud. A reward is being offered by the sheriff at Eureka, Kansas, for his capture for embezzlement. It describes him as purely acting under a cloak of religion. He is at Vancouver yet, and has been preaching to large congregations lately in the Baptist church.

In Male Attire.

A couple of apparently well-dressed young men called at the house of one of the farmers of the North Arm, Westminster district, a few evenings since, and made enquiries concerning the right road to Mr. Y's. The unsuspecting yeoman good naturedly and courteously took special pains to give the desired information, but on learning a few days after that his "callers" were a couple of young ladies in male attire, his surprise and chagrin can easily be imagined, and he has ever since been very suspicious of strangers.

Music and Merriment.

Last evening the sister lodges I.O.O.F., united in giving a grand social assembly, which was attended by about seventy couples, in their hall on Douglas street. Haynes' orchestra of three pieces furnished good music, the floor was in splendid condition and each and all enjoyed thoroughly the pleasant dance which all unite in pronouncing a complete success. A substantial cold collation was spread at midnight in an adjoining room and dancing was afterwards resumed and kept up with spirit until an early hour.

Lillooet Mines.

Mining operations in British Columbia will be prosecuted in a lively way in the coming spring. Already companies are formed, both in Victoria and Vancouver, to begin work in Lillooet as soon as the snow disappears from the mountains, which will be early in April. A prospector from that district has been in Vancouver for the last week, who reports having discovered a rich ledge of gold and silver-bearing quartz, which runs for miles through the mountains. The vein is about six feet wide, showing by the assays made to be very rich, in silver and gold. It will be easily reached, being in the vicinity of the old Cariboo wagon road.—*News-Advertiser.*

No. 3 Battery Association B. C. G. A.

The annual meeting of No. 3 Battery Association was held at the armory last evening. The attendanee was good, and the utmost interest was taken in the entire proceedings. The annual report of the secretary-treasurer shows the finances of the association to be in a most satisfactory condition, a balance of over $100 remaining on hand. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Secretary-treasurer, Sergt. Atkins; executive-committee, Sergts. Newbury and Williams, Corporal Fleming and Gunners Boggs, Langley and Beckwith. Before adjourning, amounts were set apart for prizes to be given for regular attendance at drill, and for big gun drill competition.

Holiday Numbers.

"Canada's Christmas," published by William Bryce, Toronto, is at hand with a creditable supply of attractive holiday sketches, both pen and pencil. The enterprising Canadian publisher is always well to the front with the latest and neatest in periodicals, and "Canada's Christmas" is as good as the best. A splendid photo engraving of Niagara Falls, from Goat Island, accompanies the number, which is for sale at all the bookstores.

The holiday number of the Toronto *Globe* is another Christmas publication of unusual excellence, neat in typographical appearance, well illustrated and containing plenty of good holiday reading. With the *Globe* comes a well-executed engraving of a romantic forest scene. Three moss-covered monarchs of the woods, two men and a dog, form the foreground of the handsome picture, which is labelled "Stanley Park," Vancouver. The *Globe* special on the whole is highly creditable and should command a ready sale.

"In Peace, in Rest, With God."

The sympathy of the entire community will go forth this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rattray, in the dark hour of their affliction. Little Jessie Antoniette, their youngest daughter, was laid on a bed of sickness only four days ago, her illness being pronounced rheumatism of the heart by the medical men in attendance, and at nine o'clock last night, despite all that medical skill could do, she passed peacefully into everlasting rest. Little Jessie was but 11 years and 3 months of age, and had surrounded herself with many friends, by her wonderful musical genius. Hundreds had listened with wonder and delight to the soft, sweet music of the violin, which in her hands seemed a thing of life, and they will always treasure in their hearts fond memories of the little musician whose genius had already won well-deserved recognition. Hundreds will hear with heartfelt sorrow that she has passed from us, to be with Him who said "For Such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

More Robberies.

On Wednesday last a purse containing $250, belonging to Mr. H. B. Roycraft, superintendent of provincial police, was stolen from his apartments during his absence. Yesterday morning a Chinaman, formerly in Mr. Roycraft's employ, was arrested up the line of the E. & N. The suspicion that he is the thief is said to be well founded. At about two o'clock yesterday morning the back door of the Jubilee Saloon, Johnson street, opening on a court upon which face a number of cabins, was forced by some party unknown, who at once helped himself to the contents of the till, some $2 or $3 in silver, and made his escape. The thief is thought to be a young man who has been in the habit of frequenting the hotel. A number of gold watches were hanging behind the bar, but evidently escaped the eye of the thief. The police hearing a slight noise in the bar-room, which was in total darkness, aroused the proprietor, who at once unlocked the door and the facts of the robbery were discovered.

A Dying Request.

Sinequa, the west coast Indian who was hanged at Nanaimo on Wednesday morning, requested the gaoler to see that his blankets were wrapped around him when his body was buried, according to the custom of his tribe. The request was complied with.

Death From Typhoid Fever.

John Troupe, employed at the Union Mines, Comox, died at the Nanaimo Hospital on Thursday morning, of typhoid fever. The deceased was a young man aged 25 years, and his parents reside at Sooke. Arrangements have been made to forward the remains to Victoria, where they will be interred by the bereaved parents.

The Dog and Poultry Show.

The committee who have charge of the dog, pet and poultry show, to be held on the 27th, 28th and 29th inst., are meeting with satisfactory encouragement, and the indications are that the exhibition will be such a success as will induce the society to hold a similar show every year. Up to yesterday the secretary had received applications for space for 250 entries.

Union Colliery Notes.

Mr. James Dunsmuir will remain for several days at the Union mines.

The rails are laid across the Trent river bridge (Blackett's contract), over five miles from the wharf.

It is expected that within two weeks time the rails will be laid right into the mines.

The coal seams are developing finely, a good clear seam of five foot of coal being now worked.—*Free Press.*

The Effect of Practical Joking.

Mrs. Mollie Harris, of Portland, Ogn., a young married woman 22 years of age, has been declared insane by the county court, the unfortunate lady's malady being the result of a "practical joke." On the 2nd inst., during the Chinese riot in Portland, Mrs. Harris' attention was attracted by the shooting, and she walked to the front gate of her residence to ascertain the cause of the disturbance. An acquaintance chancing to pass by, senselessly told the lady that her husband, while looking at the murderous affray between the Chinese, had been shot and instantly killed. Mrs. Harris uttered a cry and ran into the house, where she fell on the floor in a swoon. The shock undermined her reason, and she is now to be removed to an asylum for the insane. The *Oregonian* says that should Harris encounter the "practical joker" who destroyed his happiness and his wife's health the meeting will not be a pleasant one for the fool.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

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

A new freight shed is being erected at the E. & N. railway station.

The Board of Licensing Magistrates will sit at noon to-day in the city hall.

A young man named Anderson died at Comox of typhoid fever a few days ago. Mr. Greaves, a resident of the district, is also very ill with the fever.

Mr. R. Turnbull, first officer of the Yosemite, who injured his foot last Friday, is convalescing, and expects to be able to resume duty next week.

Albion Iron Works employes are making some slight alterations to the boilers of the Isabel, at the Rice Mills wharf.

Turner, Beeton & Co. this morning ship 673 cases of brandy to Port Townsend. Evidently some one is going fishing.

The new apparatus for the Victoria Athletic Club's gymnasium is expected to arrive and be placed in position before New Year's.

Spratt's wharf is again crowded with Vancouver water pipes awaiting transportation to the terminal city by the C. P. N. Co.'s scow.

Lord Enniumore, who has had the sympathy of many friends in his long and distressing illness, is now on a fair road to convalescence.

Don't fail to see the Putnam company in "Erma, the Elf" to-night. It is Miss Putnam's last appearance for some years, and she is specially happy in to-night's play.

There was a clean slate at the police court yesterday morning; a most unusual incident, but one speaking volumes for the efficiency of the police in the preservation of law and order.

The ladies, who certainly should know, say that the new caps provided for the city postmen are nothing more or less than peak-a-boo bonnets, with very little trimming.

The high wind last night played havoc with the telephone wires, between the hours of ten and twelve. The central office was for a time a scene of confusion worse confounded, a dozen numbers dropping at once and the fire alarm chipping in to complete the disorder, all the result of wind crosses.

A gentleman on whose hands time was lying heavily amused himself yesterday afternoon by counting 37 drunks passing a given point on Store street in half an hour. They embraced almost every nationality and illustrated every degree of intoxication, though all retained sense enough to behave.

A swash, who had imbibed a greater quantity of "Oh, be joyful," than he could conveniently carry, and a female companion, who had given him all the assistance in her power, created quite a sensation on Johnson street yesterday afternoon. The klootchman wore a costume decidedly decollete, and yet not in the fashion.

The slight difference which existed between the crew of the Islander and their employers has been arranged in a manner satisfactory to all parties. The men on signing for the trip across the Atlantic, were promised their passage back or else employment on arrival at Victoria at standard wages. They say they were at first offered only $30 per month on re-engagement, but afterwards were signed at $40, the regulation scale.

SUPREME COURT.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice and Justices Gray and McCreight.—Sitting as a Divisional Court.)

The argument in favor of the appellants, the corporation of New Westminster, against the injunction restraining the negotiation of the debentures for the construction of a "ferry" and workshops, was continued yesterday. At the conclusion of the argument their lordships were unanimously of the opinion that the resolution of the 5th November, placing the proceeds of the debentures in the hands of the trustees, Cunningham and others, could not be supported, the same being at variance with the provisions of the by-laws, and a delegation of the powers of the corporation, so far as concerned the resolution; therefore the court affirmed the order appealed from. Their lordships varied the remainder of the orders so as to allow the corporation themselves to issue and negotiate the debentures, but only in strict compliance with the by-laws.

Their lordships expressed no opinion as to the validity of the by-laws. Costs of the appeal were reserved.

Multum in Parvo.

There is much in a little, as regards Burdock Blood Bitters. You do not have to take quarts and gallons to get at the medicine it contains. Every drop in every dose has medical virtue as a blood purifying, system regulating tonic. tts

ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

The Committee Decide to Raise the Further Funds Necessary and Proceed with Construction—J. P. Elford the Successful Tenderer.

There was a good attendance at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the general committee of the Jubilee Hospital to consider the question of proceeding with construction. Mr. Thos. R. Smith, president, occupied the chair.

Secretary Chudley read a report from the building committee which stated that the several tenders received all exceeded the sum of $40,000, the amount to which the committee was limited. It was necessary for the committee to be given further powers, in order that the work might be proceeded with. J. P. Elford was the lowest tenderer, $50,558; McKillican & Anderson being next.

After considerable business-like discussion as to the best means to overcome the difficulty, the following resolution was passed with but one dissentient voice:

Moved by Mr. Alex. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Jas. Fell, That J. P. Elford's tender be accepted and that the trustees be authorized to raise by mortgage a loan sufficient to furnish the amount of money necessary to complete the contract over and above the sum in hand, and whatever sums may be raised hereafter by further subscription or otherwise, and that the members of the building committee be and are hereby indemnified against personal loss.

A resolution was also passed that the contractor be notified of the acceptance of his tender subject to his bondsmen being approved by the committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

MARINE.

Schooner Maggie Mac will commence fitting out for sealing early next week.

Schooner Black Diamond goes on Clark & Turpel's ways at once, to be thoroughly overhauled and partially rebuilt, to fit her for the sealing trade.

Ship Viola has completed discharging, and is taking in her cargo of salmon at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf.

Steamer Maude and scow completed discharging Wellington coal for the C. P. N. Co. last night.

Tug Pilot leaves to-day for Departure Bay to take the Robert Kerr in tow to Vancouver.

Schooner Sapphire is laid up at the Rice Mills wharf for a few minor repairs. She will leave early in January for the north, on a sealing cruise.

Schooner Lily leaves for the west coast on Monday with stores for Gutman & Frank.

Steamer Cariboo Fly leaves at 10 o'clock this morning for the north.

Ships Commodore and Kennebec sailed from San Francisco yesterday for Nanaimo.

Bark Harry Morse, with Vancouver coal, sailed from Nanaimo for San Francisco on Friday morning.

Steamship Wellington, for Departure Bay, sailed from San Francisco yesterday.

Steamer Idaho was docked yesterday to have her mast re-stepped, and left for the north at 10 p. m.

Steamer Olympian goes on the drydock at Esquimalt to-day.

Steamship Southern California arrived at Nanaimo Wednesday morning to load coal for San Francisco. The steamer had a rough passage. She reports seven vessels off the Cape, bound in.

Steamship Umatilla will sail for San Francisco at one o'clock this afternoon.

Bark Don Nicholas completed loading Wellington coal at Departure Bay on Friday. She was towed by the Alexander to this port, where she will take on board the working gear and lumber used in floating the Arabella, and will then sail for San Francisco.

Later reports from Yaquina state that the efforts to save the stranded Yaquina Bay are not likely to prove successful. She has careened further over and the water covers her bows. The wrecking apparatus has not yet arrived. Officials of the Oregon Development company think it doubtful if the vessel is ever gotten off the sands.

The ship Kennebec, now on the way from San Francisco to Nanaimo to load coal, is a vessel with a history. On February 14, 1877, the Kennebec sank off San Pedro, but was raised and towed into the port of San Francisco by parties representing the Providence-Washington insurance Company, at a cost of $25,400. Since then the ship was sold for $1,400 to satisfy a judgment obtained by J. N. Knowles. The insurance company claims that Knowles is indebted to them in the sum of $18,631 as his share of the expense of raising and docking the ship, and have brought suit in the U. S. district court at San Francisco to recover the said amount.

PERSONAL.

Duncan Page, of Yale, is at the Oriental.

Charles Butler, Chicago's cattle king, is at the Driard.

J. Hemans and Jas. McKinlay, of Kamloops, are at the Oriental.

W. J. Goepel arrived home from Vancouver last night.

Jno. H. Kennedy, of Philadelphia, Pa., is at the Clarence.

Deputy Sheriff Langley arrived home last night from Westminster.

John Kingley, coal merchant of Streaton, Ills., is at the Driard.

James Rousseau, of the Royal City tannery, Westminster, is at the Driard.

Thos. G. Barnett and Wm. Skeene, of Vancouver, are at the Clarence.

Col. Woodford, the popular temperance lecturer, arrived over on the Yosemite last night.

R. J. Lowe, of Port Townsend, is spending a few days in Victoria, a guest at the Oriental.

Miss Alexander, of Quamichan, who has been spending a few days with Victoria friends, returns home this morning.

E. A. and Miss Wadhams, of Ladner's, have returned from a visit to Southern California, and are at the Oriental.

Wm. Craib, superintendent of the Nicola Mining company, left yesterday morning for San Francisco, *via* the Sound.

Arthur L. Smith, of Portland, Oregon, architect of Hon. Robert Dunsmuir's new residence now in course of erection, is at the Driard.

Joseph Herman, the great prestidigitateur, was in the city yesterday, and passed through to Vancouver. He will return to fill an engagement at The Victoria next week.

Rev. T. Crosby leaves on Monday for Toronto, where he will join his family, who have been on a two months' visit to friends in the east, and will return in a month or so.

Katie Putnam, Nellie Strickland, H. B. Emery and M. L. Berry, of the Katie Putnam Comedy Company, are at the Driard. The balance of the company are at the Clarence.

A High Valuation.

"If there was only one bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil in Manitoba I would give one hundred dollars for it," writes Phillip H. Brant, of Monteith, Manitoba, after having used it for a severe wound and for frozen fingers, with, as he says, "astonishing good results." tts

Of Great Utility.

There is no other medicine of such general usefulness in the household as Hagyard's Yellow Oil for the cure of rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat and all internal and external pains and injuries. tts

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The Puget Sound Route.

The steamer North Pacific arrived from the Sound yesterday morning, and will run on the route between this city and Seattle until the Olympian is repaired. At Seattle the North Pacific will connect with the Geo. E. Starr daily for Tacoma.

Incoming Passengers.

The steamer Walla Walla has the following passengers on board for Victoria: A. J. McCall, C. E. Turner, R. B. Beert, A. A. Giles, Mrs. Barlow, Miss E. Chappell, R. C. Demswritz, Z. Honeyman, W. L. Toon and R. Lenguin.

Whatcom City Election.

C. M. Latta has been elected mayor of Whatcom, W. T., defeating W. D. Jenkins, the present incumbent. Messrs. Harris, Slattery, Steiger, Kellogg and Mayher have been elected councillors. The new council are pledged to city improvement.

Lost Overboard.

The steamer Hope arrived yesterday morning from the east coast with a boom of logs for Sayward's mill. During a gale off Gawland harbor, the Chinese cook fell overboard and was drowned in spite of every effort made to save him. The sea was very rough at the time, and the unfortunate Celestial was quickly swept out of sight of those on the steamer.

Outgoing Passengers.

The following passengers left for San Francisco yesterday afternoon per steamer Umatilla: T. S. Gore, Mrs. Gore, Miss Wolfenden, M.W.T. Drake, Mrs. Drake, Miss Drake, Mrs. T. N. Thane, Mrs. M. Cameron, Mrs. A. D. Beck, Geo. Frye, Miss E. Roberts, John Thomson, Mrs. Wark and child, N. B. Ganwean, Mrs. Jordan and child, H. S. Flood, Mrs. Edwin Ferris and 12 in the steerage.

Electric Light.

The new machinery of the Victoria Electric Illuminating Co's. station was put in operation for the first time last evening, the engine running 290 revolutions per minute. The machinery gave entire satisfaction, the fitting up being perfect. The lights in the Occidental, Colonial and California Hotels and David Spencer's Arcade were turned on for the first time and burned steadily and clear.

The Steamer Olympian.

The steamer Olympian, which was to have gone on the dry dock at Esquimalt yesterday for repairs, up to a late hour last night had not been docked, owing to the fact that the water was not sufficiently high to float her guards over the entrance of the dock. Permission was requested of the authorities at Ottawa to remove a few of the coping stones, which would have overcome the difficulty, but was refused.

The Canfield Survey.

The Canfield railroad surveyors have definitely located the permanent line through Washington Territory to the British Columbia boundary. It runs through Ferndale, where a bridge will span the Nootsack river; thence north seven miles and northwest to the boundary, crossing into British Columbia at a point midway between Blaine and Lynden, leaving each town off the route about seven miles.

Fire in the Franklyn Coal Mine.

The Franklyn coal mine, near Seattle, was discovered to be on fire a few days ago. Efforts to extinguish the flames by flooding have been abandoned, and men are now engaged in smothering it out, with every prospect of success. The fire will entail considerable loss, as several ships are either awaiting cargo, or on the way. The Umatilla intended to load coal from this mine, but was barely able to get enough for fuel.

A Good Movement.

The movement inaugurated at Port Townsend by Evangelist D. L. Moody, to establish a coffee house for sailors and seafaring men, has been successfully carried out, and the establishment starts off with a promise of success that is very gratifying to the parties concerned. The institution has been named the "D. L. Moody Coffee House," and a board of management has been formed to conduct the business.

Arrival of the S.S. Batavia.

The s.s. Batavia, from Hong Kong *via* Yokohama, arrived off the harbor about 10:30 o'clock last night, and after taking on board a pilot, passed on to Vancouver. She had as passengers: Cabin—Senor J. P. Caballero, of the Spanish Legation, Washington, D. C., and servant; Mr. G. M. Grant, Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.; Dr. Renwick, and Mr. Frank Raiff. Steerage—4 Chinese for Victoria with return certificates, and 10 Japanese for eastern schools. The purser of the Batavia has favored this office with files of late Japan papers.

The Color Line in Charity.

I. V. Williams, a millionaire resident in Philadelphia, has given $12,000,000 to endow a mechanical school for *white* youths. Colored youths are expressly prohibited by the donor. The hot indignation of the colored residents of Philadelphia has been aroused by the offensive distinction, and the protests that Mr. Williamson is forced to read in the press must make his cheeks tingle. The colored people of Philadelphia are amongst the wealthiest and most cultivated in the United States, and they appear to feel keenly the insult that has been put upon them in what seems to be a very wanton manner.

Run Over by a Train of Cars.

Nanaimo Indians report the miraculous escape of a drunken sailor from a horrible death on last Thursday night. The sailor had wandered to the V. C. Co's. railway track near the Indian camp and lay down between the rails. He was noticed by some Indian children, who attempted to attract the attention of the coming coal train. In the darkness their signal was not noticed, and the train passed over the man without doing him the slightest injury. After the train passed the Indians found the sailor sleeping quite contentedly between the rails, apparently little thinking that the train of coal cars had passed over him.

A Cold Bath.

On Friday night, about 10 o'clock, while the night watchman on the C.P.N. Co.'s wharf was engaged in stowing away some articles near the edge of the dock, he stumbled over a pile of coal, and before he could recover his balance, soused headlong into the ice-cold water of the harbor. Most people, under the circumstances, would have raised an outcry and clamored for help, but "Mack" took his dip quite coolly (no pun intended). He quietly swam to the nearest flight of steps, and upon regaining *terra firma* proceeded to a secluded shed, divested himself of his dripping garments, and after wringing the superfluous water therefrom, he again donned the clothes, and resumed his duties on the wharf just as if falling overboard was an everyday occurrence. He remained on watch until daylight Saturday morning before going home to change his clothes, and says he feels none the worse for his involuntary bath.

THE LADIES' favorite Brussels kid gloves, 6 buttons, reduced from $1.50 to $1.25 per pair. *

THE LICENSING BOARD.

The Licensing Board of the city of Victoria met at noon yesterday in the police court room. The board comprised His Worship Mayor Grant, Hon. A. N. Richards, S.M., and Messrs. Shakespeare, Ward and Crossdaile, J. Js.

APPLICATIONS

were received from George Deans, asking for the transfer of the license granted to P. Barr of the Western Hotel, Store street, to the applicant. The communication was tabled.

From John Fitzallan, applying for a license to sell liquors at the corner of View and Quadra streets. Application refused.

From Charles Zoelle, applying for a license to sell liquor at The Victoria Hotel, corner of Fort and Douglas streets.

Mr. Gwynne appeared for the applicant.

Chief Sheppard informed the board that every provision had been made by the house to ensure the comfort of the travelling public. Nothing could be said against the character or conduct of the applicant.

The clerk read a petition signed by 188 ratepayers, asking that a license be refused the applicant, as well as those other hotel keepers now holding licenses.

Mr. Gwynne directed the attention of the board to the fact that a license had previously been granted and the house had only recently been renovated and refitted to meet all requirements of the public.

Mr. Ward did not consider the license to this hotel necessary, in the interests of the public, and the application was accordingly refused.

From Stephen Jones, applying for a hotel license for the property known as the Dominion Hotel, Yates street. A protest from E. A. Hart was read by the clerk against the granting of the license on the ground of danger from fire. Mr. Walker, appearing for Mr. Jones, stated that the accommodation at the house was first-class, the only protest against the license being granted came from this insurance agent, and which he did not think should be taken into consideration by the board. The Mayor stated that the petition previously read protested against a license being granted Mr. Jones, and the license was accordingly refused.

From Mr. Thomas Tugwell, making application for a transfer of license for the Caledonia Hotel, to himself. Application granted.

From John McCartney, applying for a license for the "Snug Tavern." A protest signed by about forty ratepayers was read by the clerk. Mr. Ward stated that previously the board had stated that if a hotel with proper accommodation was fitted up, a license would in all probability be granted. He understood nothing had been done.

Mr. Taylor, appearing for the applicant, said that if a temporary license was granted, Mr. McCartney would immediately proceed to erect a substantial hotel.

Mr. Crossdaile remarked that this Board could not bind the Board sitting three months hence to grant any licenses.

Mr. Taylor—No; but they generally follow the expressed intentions of their predecessors.

Mr. Richards thought that there were new hotels enough going up.

Mr. Taylor remarked that Victoria was going to become a great *watering* place, and the more good hotels the better.

The application was refused, Mr. Taylor asking that a note be taken of the fact that he objected to the jurisdiction of the Board in this instance.

From Wm. Croft, successor to Henley & Croft, applying for a license for the Royal hotel.

Mr. Fell stated that a temporary license had been given by the mayor.

The application was accordingly granted.

Mr. Helmcken, representing Mr. Samuel Clay, stated that an application for a transfer of license for the Blue Post hotel, on Johnson street, had been left over for disposal at the sitting of this Board.

Mr. Ward remarked that the law in dealing with questions of this kind was very vague. Some thought that the license was to be given to the individual who might sell on it in any part of the city. Others considered the license granted to the house. In this case the old house was torn down.

Mr. Shakespeare thought that the licenses should be granted to the property, not the man, and if the house was burned or torn down the property should be entitled to the license.

Mayor Grant agreed with his brother magistrates that the question of whether property or individual be granted the license, should be more definitely defined.

The application of Mr. Clay was, no objections being offered, granted.

The first application on the list, that of Mr. George Deans, was next taken up.

Sergt. Walker testified to the good character of the house and applicant, and a temporary permission was accordingly extended to the next sitting of the licensing board.

Supt. Sheppard had no complaints to enter, and the board adjourned at one o'clock.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

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

The police court record was again a blank yesterday.

The letter-carriers have donned their new uniforms, and now only need the belts and swords to be happy.

It is understood that the Islander will go on the Victoria-Vancouver route on Sunday next. Some necessary alterations are now being made on the freight deck.

Lovell & Co., of Montreal, have issued a neat, accurate and convenient wall map of the Dominion of Canada, which will prove of great convenience to business men.

The mate of the ship Darra, at Moodyville, the captain of which died recently, has received a cable from the owners in Sydney, Australia, instructing him to take charge of her.

The Victoria Amateur Dramatic Company presented the successful sensational drama, "Better than Gold," to first-class houses at Nanaimo, on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Vancouver and New Westminster will next be visited.

The steamer Louise has taken the place of the Yosemite for a few days, the latter steamer being placed temporarily on the Westminster route, a large quantity of river freight, canned salmon and heavy machinery awaiting transportation to Victoria.

A young man employed in a Yates St. wholesale house, fell down the elevator shaft yesterday and received a bad shaking up, in addition to severe cuts about the head and face. Dr. Hall attended the sufferer, whose injuries are not serious.

Three boys, all between fifteen and seventeen years of age, living in this city, are said to have caused the death of a fine little colt, owned by a farmer named Weeks, whose house is on the Saanich road, by cruelly beating the little animal over the nose with the heavy end of a whip.

Grand Results.

For several years R. H. Brown, of Kincardine, suffered from Dyspepsia, he says he tried several physicians and a host of remedies without relief. His druggist recommended B. B. B. which he declares produced "grand results," for which he gives it his highest recommendation. tts

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"Robert Elsmere."

A despatch from Kingston, Ont., states that the book, "Robert Elsmere," was removed from the public library in that city, yesterday, by order of the library board.

Quick Repairing.

At about 2 o'clock last evening one of the main belts of the new electric light machinery burst with a report like the discharge of a cannon. Fortunately no damage was done and the broken belt was quickly replaced, the lights being extinguished for only a few minutes.

Provincial Police Court.

Indian Jim was arrested on the reservation on Saturday night by Officer Miller and C. P. Bloomfield, charged with having an intoxicant in his possession. In the provincial police court, yesterday, Jim pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined $50 by the presiding magistrate, Edwin Johnson.

Passing Away.

Mr. George Taylor, who was struck with paralysis a few days ago, died at his residence, Yates street, yesterday morning, leaving many friends to lament his death. The remains will be sent to London, Ont., where the family reside, for burial. Mr. Taylor has made Victoria his home for about three years, during which time he made many friends, by whom his death will be keenly felt.

Large Opium Seizure.

On Friday last four customs officers, of Port Huron, Mich., seized a large quantity of opium which had been landed from a little schooner near Port Hope, and hidden on shore, the schooner at once putting back to the Canadian shore. The opium is valued at $20,000, and was brought from Victoria *via* Vancouver and the C. P. R. No arrests were made, but it is believed that La Belle, the famous smuggler, was the principal in the case.

Fell Thirty Feet.

Shortly after ten o'clock on Sunday night, Quartermaster William Hall, of the steamer Olympian, while crossing the gang plank of the steamer in dock at Esquimalt, stumbled and fell to the floor of the dock, a distance of between thirty and forty feet. He was picked up insensible, and Dr. Milne summoned. Strange to say, although the unfortunate man had fallen on the solid stone, no bones were broken, and a dislocation of the shoulder was the only serious injury he sustained.

White Women Smoking Opium.

The Chinese proprietor of an opium den known as "No. 13," appeared at the police station late last night and stated that two well-known "Melican ladies" had visited the place with the intention of smoking a little opium "just for fun," had smoked and were lying there in a stupor induced by the drug. Police officers visited the place and the women were taken home, still in their stupid slumber. It is not likely that they will ever try any more such dangerous experiments as smoking opium, "just for fun."

Disguised as Klootchmen.

Last week a couple of Chinese girls disguised as klootchmen, left Victoria for Puget Sound, and reached Tacoma before being discovered. The custom house officer at that port, however, discovered their disguise, and the two women were arrested for trying to evade the Chinese restriction law. One of them was dressed in a blue calico dress with a broad tuck, six inches wide, midway in the skirt, in order to make it conform to her diminutive height. The other wore a linsey-woolsey mother-hubbard, with a similar broad tuck as her friend. Both wore second-hand millinery and over their shoulders were thrown light blue woolen shawls both alike. Black veils completed this disguise.

Funeral of Little Jessie Rattray.

The funeral services in connection with the death of little Jessie Rattray, were held on Sunday afternoon in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, which was filled to the doors by hundreds of friends of the grief stricken parents and of the little musician, whose sweet melodies will never more be heard by earthly friends. Rev. P. McF. Macleod conducted the sad service, in which music, so dear to the heart of little Jessie, was prominent. The casket, of pure white, covered with its wealth of floral offerings, was then conveyed to Ross Bay cemetery, the funeral trappings being also of white, where the last farewell was taken and the last rites performed. The pallbearers were Masters D. Macleod, P. M. B. Macleod, K. Finlayson, E. McConnan, B. Tiedemann and E. Stephens.

Funeral of the Late Dr. Dearden.

The funeral of the late Dr. Dearden, whose career of promise was so suddenly brought to an end a little over a week ago, took place yesterday morning from his late residence on Fort street, to St. Andrew's pro-cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Mandart. The casket, containing the body of one who had endeared himself to all with whom he had been thrown in contact during his short residence in our midst, and which was literally covered with floral tributes laid upon it by sorrowing friends, was then conveyed in sadness to Ross Bay cemetery where it was committed to the earth, Rev. Father Van Nevel officiating at the grave. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. McB. Smith, D. Campbell, B. Gordon, C. G. Ballentyne, G. Garesche, Robt. Irving, C. N. McDonald and J. W. Taylor.

Death of Justice Boyle.

Chief Justice Charles Ellis Boyle, of Washington Territory, died at Seattle on Saturday evening after four days' illness. The deceased gentleman was aged about 55, and was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He leaves a wife and a large family of children to mourn his loss. In politics he was a democrat, and was twice elected to congress. His name has been mentioned in connection with many flattering offers to diplomatic positions, but he declined all of them. Three years ago he was tendered the office of solicitor-general of Pennsylvania, but this he also declined. A few months ago he was appointed by President Cleveland to succeed the late R. A. Jones as chief justice of Washington Territory, and he arrived at Seattle on November 18th. During his brief residence in Seatttle he made many friends, who deeply regret his untimely death.

The Olympian in the Dock.

On Sunday morning the steamer Olympian was safely docked at Esquimalt, after one unsuccessful attempt. A number of the paddles on the starboard wheel were cut off and the cargo listed to the port side to enable the steamer to pass in to the dock, and then she barely managed to squeeze in. By four o'clock the water was pumped out of the dock and the work of clearing away the mussels and barnacles, which were half an inch deep on her bottom, commenced; one hundred and twenty-five men being engaged to work night and day until the repairs are completed. The work is now being pushed rapidly forward and it is expected that the steamer will leave the dock on Wednesday. The bottom is to be scraped, some minor repairs are to be made to the machinery and carpentry. The value of the work in all will amount to about $4,000.

Burglary.

The office of the E. & N. Railway Co. at Nanaimo was broken into on Sunday night last and a sum of money abstracted. The amount taken did not exceed $50. A watch received to be forwarded by express to Victoria was also taken, and the office generally ransacked. The money belonged to the C.P.R. telegraph service. The thief is suspected to be some individual who broke into the Jubilee Saloon in this city last week.

The Public School Examinations.

The Christmas examinations in connection with the public schools will be held this week, commencing this afternoon, when the pupils of James Bay ward school will be examined. On Wednesday *forenoon*, the examination will be held in Johnson street ward school; Rock Bay ward school on Thursday forenoon, and Spring Ridge ward school on Friday forenoon. The examination at the girls' school will be held on Wednesday afternoon; the boys' school on Thursday afternoon, and the high school on Friday afternoon. Parents and friends are invited to be present at all the examinations.

Y. P. L. A. Concert.

The schoolroom of the First Presbyterian church was crowded last evening, and those who filled the cosy schoolroom were more than satisfied with the excellent programme provided for their entertainment by their friends of the Y.P.L.A. The first part consisted of a song by Mr. Kinnaird; solo, Miss Berridge; recitation, Mr. Jones; solo, Miss Jamieson, and reading by Miss Landells. Refreshments were then served, consisting of coffee, cake, etc., and fully enjoyed before the remainder of the programme was disposed of. Mr. Brown gave a solo in his usual fine voice; Miss Netherby, a recitation; Mr. Grant, a solo, and the evening's programme was brought to a close with the hearty singing of the national anthem.

S. P. C. A.

The first annual meeting of the above society will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this afternoon, when a large amount of general business is to be transacted. The society has long been needed in Victoria and every day reveals some new instance of man's brutality to the lower (?) animals. A few evenings ago a little dog owned by Mr. Geddes, was discovered by the night watchman at the C. P. N. Co.'s wharf, with the skin about its neck cut evenly around, as though an effort had been made to take the skin from the living dog. The cut was clean and had evidently been made intentionally by some human fiend, armed with a razor or very sharp knife. If the perpetrator of the brutal act is discovered he will, without doubt be treated to his just deserts—a bath from the dock.

A Confirmed Drunkard.

Robert Clayton was before the police magistrate yesterday on a charge of drunkenness, this being the fourth time that Robert has been charged with the same offence within the past two months. He in no sooner out of jail than he immediately gets drunk, and when drunk is most abusive and quarrelsome. On the first occasion he was sent to jail for one week; for the second offence he got ten days, and the third time he received a full month, for being full himself. Yesterday, when he appeared before the magistrate, his honor was prepared to give him a sentence of at least two months; but Robert whiningly appealed to Supt. Sheppard to intercede for him, promising to "swear off" for good if the magistrate would be lenient with him. The superintendent took Robert at his word, and put in a good word for him, with the result that the sentence was reduced to twenty days.

Personal Purity.

About seventy young men were present in the rooms of the Y.M.C.A. last evening, when Rev. P. McF. Macleod delivered an interesting and very instructive half-hour lecture, his subject being "Personal Purity"; an indispensable attribute of true manhood. The reverend gentleman in his remarks dwelt on the absolute necessity of purity in thought as well as language, which makes the true man. Grant, the hero of the American people, and Abraham Lincoln, the greatest figure in the history of the new world, were men who would not listen to an indelicate word or vulgar jest. The "talk" was forcible and convincing; a powerful and important subject well handled throughout. Every week a new subject, and one important in the development of a healthy moral as well as physical manhood, is made the subject of a short talk by some one of the city clergy or some other kind volunteer, and a great amount of good advice is given the young men of the city at these weekly meetings.

A Troublesome Customer Disposed of.

For several months past, a large panther has been causing great destruction of sheep in Highland district, and all attempts of the farmers in the vicinity to trap or poison the "varmint" failed. Since last spring Mr. W. J. Wale estimates that his loss alone by the panther has been about $280. Last week the animal paid another visit to Mr. Wale's farm at Millstream, and killed six fine sheep. The destruction of the animal was then decided upon. Mr. Wale and his son Albert, (a lad only 13 years of age, but a remarkably good shot with a rifle), started out on Friday to interview Mr. Panther. They tracked the animal for two days, and on Sunday morning succeded in getting a sight of him. Young Albert raised his rifle and fired, sending a ball through the