Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Going Down.

Advices from Yale say that the Fraser is receding.

Sully Coming.

Dan Sully of "Corner Grocery" fame will visit this city shortly with his comedy company.

Runaway Horse.

A horse attached to a cart ran away on Store street last night, and in turning Johnson street jumped his harness and bolted up that thoroughfare at a remarkably rapid rate. He was stopped on Vancouver street.

Basket Picnic.

The farmers of North and South Saanich will hold their annual basket picnic at Sandhill Creek on the 1st inst. The Queen City orchestra will be in attendance and all friends and visitors are invited to be present. A jubilee time is in store for all.

Settling Colonists.

Wm. Halpenny returned from Alberni yesterday morning, where he settled three parties. He reports everything looking well in that growing settlement, and is now ready to meet those desiring to secure his services as government guide.

Sailed North.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz sailed for Fort Simpson last evening with the following passengers: Messrs. Johnson, Draney, R. F. Dodd, Morgan, Inkster, S. Wootton, S.M., Mrs. McDowell, Miss McDowell, and Miss Knight, and R. K. McLachlan for Bella Coola.

The Charming Lily.

Mrs. Langtry will appear at the Baldwin theatre, San Francisco, to-morrow evening and will play for two weeks, after which she will go to Portland. It is just as likely as not that Victoria will be given the go-by, considering the shabby reception Rhea received here.

Excursion from the Sound.

The steamer Olympian arrived at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with 654 passengers from Sound ports. They spent the afternoon in visiting the various points of interest in the city, and left again at seven for home. The Olympian was chartered by the management of Grace church, Seattle, for the occasion.

Caught in a Trap.

Yesterday morning, about 2 o'clock, John Woods, who resides on Johnson street, caught a lad named Alfred Collis in the act of stealing flowers from his garden. The young culprit was trapped by means of a bell connected with the gate by a string, which rang when the gate opened. Young Collis was delivered to the police and the case will come up for trial on Monday.

The Times' Libel Suit.

Yesterday morning an application was made by the Crown to appoint a day for the trial of the case of The Queen *vs.* McLagan. S. Perry Mills, for defendant, raised a point with regard to the jury law of the province. His lordship desired the point to be fully argued before he gave any decision, and it will be taken up for argument on Wednesday next, at 11 a.m.

A Daring Robbery.

On Thursday night Officer Campbell, of the provincial police, arrested a Chinaman named Youn at Esquimalt, charged with robbing John T. Howard, of the Esquimalt hotel, to the extent of $1000. Since Mr. Howard's illness the money, which consisted principally of gold coin, was kept in the bedroom instead of the safe. On the night of the 24th inst. the money was taken and suspicion at once pointed to the Chinaman. The prisoner was brought before the provincial court yesterday and the case remanded until Tuesday next.

The West Coast Murder.

J. A. Moore, baggage master on the Yosemite, corroborates the story about the murder on the west coast as told by Mr. McNerhaney to the Vancouver *News*. He says the vessels' name was the Seabird, that it sailed from Port Townsend for Alaska in May, 1886. The vessel never reached Albert bay, where his brother intended stopping, and he believes the story as told by an Indian to Mr. McNerhaney true. His father, Capt. Wm. Moore, has made four trips to Alaska since in an unsuccessful attempt to find news of the missing men. Tom, the Indian who threatened to get even with the white men for hanging his brother lives near Kinglet's Inlet, and it is believed the terrible deed was done there. Mr. Moore has no doubt that the entire crew, consisting of Capt. Wells, Henry Moore, pilot, Henry Bolt, seaman, and a German, name unknown, were all foully murdered. Moore has a wife and child in this city and Bolt has a family at Seattle.

An Attempt to Suicide.

In one of the disreputable houses that infest Broad street between Yates and Johnson, resides a fallen woman known as Maude, who made a desperate attempt on Thursday night to poison herself, and death would have ensued in a few moments had not medical aid been promptly summoned. Like thousands of these unfortunate women the life of this young girl is a history of sorrowful interest, opening in a bright and happy home amid the surroundings of wealth and respectability, passing on from the waywardness of childhood to irretrievable ruin, and thence to shame and disgrace to loving parents who have closed their doors on the daughter who was once their pride and ambitious hope. As depraved and reckless as these outcasts from society appear, they evidently feel deep remorse at times as was evinced in the case of this young woman, who in a fit of despondency attempted to end a life that had become repulsive to the better instincts of her nature.

Protest.

It is stated that a protest has been entered by the men of No. 3 Battery against the number of points awarded them for their artillery practice on 22nd June. The men claim to have made 139 points as against 131 awarded them. It appears that in the second practice two points were deducted from Gunner Fleming's score for being over time with his three rounds. The time allowed was six minutes, and the time awarded six minutes and forty-five seconds, though the men claim by no less than four outsiders who timed them that the time actually taken was five minutes and fifteen seconds, or thereabouts. Also that in the second practice in Bomb. Winsby's score the men claim a direct hit, which counts six points, for his second shot with which he cut the flag from off the target and knocked some staves out of the barrel aimed at. This makes, in all, eight points, which the men claim that have not been awarded them. No. 3 Battery has for the last two years been considered the crack battery of British Columbia, and when the men go in for anything they go in to win, and only ask fair play.

Blue Ribbon Club.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen attended the temperance meeting held last evening. The chair was ably filled by President S. Gray, who opened the meeting with prayer. The following programme was given during the evening: "Rescue the Perishing," "Where is My Boy To-night?" Speech by the president; selection by the band; dialogue by Messrs. Tucker and Oram, of H. M. S. Triumph; speech by Mr. Rudge; solo, Miss Dobbs; reading, Mrs. Grant; selections by the band; song by Mr. Gray "Three Acres and a Cow," the audience joined in singing and gave the song rapturous applause. After an earnest appeal by the president for those who had not yet signed the pledge to do so, the programme closed by singing God Save the Queen.

Walkem vs. Higgins.

The trial of this suit has been set for Friday the 30th inst.

Notable Dead.

Rev. Monsignor Power, Vicar-General of the Roman Catholic diocese of Halifax, died suddenly on Wednesday.

Change of Name.

Permission has been granted to change the name of the "Teaser" of Victoria, province of British Columbia, official number 88,370, to "Rainbow."

Fire at Revelstoke.

A telegram from Revelstoke (Farwell) states that "The block between Wright street and Benson street, on the north side of Columbia street, was destroyed by fire on the 24th. McGillivray's hotel, Berber's shop, Kerr & Co.'s store and small buildings. No particulars."

Bodies Recovered.

The bodies of the two boys drowned on Thursday afternoon in Pike lake were secured yesterday afternoon by a party sent with grappling hooks. They were found locked in each other's arms. The probability is that one fell in, and in attempting to save his companion the other was drowned. An inquest will be held.

Mortuary Statistics.

The monthly statement of the mortuary statistics shows the number and causes of deaths in Victoria during May as follows: two males of typhus, enteric or typhoid and simple contagious fevers; three males and three females, constitutional, eight males local and one male from violent deaths; in all, fourteen males and three females.

Death.

The wife of Mr. Geo. H. Risteen died yesterday morning at 88 McWilliam street. She was formerly of Kingston, N. B., and leaves a large family to mourn her loss. Two of her five sons are conductors on the C. P. R., and one is an engineer on the Northern Pacific.—*Winnipeg Sun.* She was the mother of Conductor Risteen, well and favorably known in this city.

Machinery for Farmers.

Nicholles & Renauf have shipped two car-loads of agricultural machinery to Spallumcheen, two to Fraser river settlements, one to east coast, and two car-loads are now on the way for distribution. This firm are also shipping machinery to Alaska. The shipments of so large an amount of machinery denotes the fact that the pursuit of agriculture in this province is constantly receiving gratifying additions.

Cricket.

A game was played yesterday at Beacon Hill between sides chosen by Messrs. Fennelly and Campbell, the former winning by a score of 94 to 58. For the winners P. D. Goepel played an excellent innings of 34 and J. Fennelly hit well for 25. On the losing side J. C. Bath contributed 18, H. Hett 16, and H. J. Campbell 15. The band of H. M. S. Triumph played during the afternoon.

An Unpleasant Surprise.

A well known gentleman of this city tied his horse and buggy in a stable not ten miles from the Driard House yesterday morning. On returning in the evening great was his surprise to find the buggy in a shattered condition and the horse dripping with foam. Upon making enquiries he learned that several small boys had frightened the horse, which broke its fastening and bolted. He ascertained the names of the lads and says he will make their parents foot the expenses in connection with repairs.

A Rough Country.

The following extract from a letter received from Tucson, Ariz., would indicate that that part of the world is not of the most attractive character:

"The town of Tueson is a perfect pest-house of small-pox, one-third of the population being more or less afflicted with the disease; and to finish up, we have the whole Apache tribe on the war-path. The whole country is lit up with their signal fires and they have already killed nine settlers for amusement. I think we are going to have a big time."

Picked Up in the Bay.

Chas. Taylor, a tinsmith by trade, was picked up in the bay by some Indians yesterday morning in front of Janion's wharf, in a drowning condition. A constable was sent for, who had him taken to the city gaol, where he was attended by Dr. Milne. He was unconscious until 10 o'clock, when he died. How Taylor fell into the water is a mystery, but it is assumed that he fell off the wharf in one of the fits to which he was subject at times. Deceased was a native of Manchester, Eng., and will be buried to-day under the auspices of the I. O. O. F.

A Chinaman Suicides.

A Chinaman at Vancouver hanged himself on Friday afternoon near the Chinese camp. The Chinaman had taken a cord, similar to what is used for bailing hay, tied one end to the branch of a maple tree, the other round his neck and jumped off a log on which he had made his preparations. The branch was small and the weight of his body broke it and allowed his feet to touch the ground. Not to be foiled in his attempt the Chinaman bent his knees so as not to weaken the strain, and died in that position. From the appearance of the body life must have been extinct for at least two days. He was rendered insane by smoking opium.

For San Francisco.

The steamship Mexico sailed at 6 p. m. for San Francisco, after the arrival of the Yosemite. The following passengers are on board from this city: Miss C. A. Gardner, Miss E. J. Gardner, Miss A. F. Gardner, Mrs. Banner, Mrs. Simlow, Mrs. Sayyea, Miss Moore, T. B. Birkbeck, J. F. Hawkes, A. L. Clark, John H. Dobbs, Stewart Brown and wife, T. C. Kennedy, Frank Higgins, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. A. Lewis, Miss Emma Eisenhauer, J. Johnson, S. Suam, W. Fisher, Mrs. Dr. West, N. Bichard, Joseph Pickard, N. Arthur, and Robert, Hewitt. The Yosemite brought brought fifteen passengers from the east for San Francisco.

The R. E. Church Fete.

The garden fête and strawberry festival on Lady Douglas' grounds yesterday afternoon proved a phenomenal success, notwithstanding the gloomy aspect of the weather and the counter attractions at the matinee and Beacon hill. Dancing on the lawn and games for the young people formed amusement of a decidedly lively nature. Ice cream, strawberries and cream, and refreshments of every description were provided, which all partook of with great relish. The music, which was excellent, was furnished by Messrs. Bernstein and Sharp. The gate and refreshment receipts amounted to a very considerable sum, and as the fête was so well attended the ladies of the church may be inclined to give another shortly.

New Beacons.

The following announcement is made by the marine department:

Notice is hereby given that the following day-beacons, to more distinctly designate dangers in the waters of British Columbia, have lately been erected by the government of Canada:—

I. A wooden beacon on the middle of Fiddle reef, Mouatt channel, between Juan de Fuca and Haro straits.

Lat. N. 48° 25' 41"
Long. W. 123 17 30

The reef is awash at high water. The beacon consists of a whitewashed conical structure 40 feet high, surmounted by a pole and cage 10 feet high, painted black, making the whole beacon 50 feet high above the level of high water.

II. A wooden beacon on Zero Rock, Haro strait, near its centre.

Latitude N. 48° 31' 31"
Longitude W. 123 18 6

The rock is awash at high water. The beacon is pyramidal, 30 feet in height, surmounted by a pole and frame in the shape of an obelisk 20 feet high, making the whole height 50 feet. The structure is whitewashed.

III. A wooden beacon of the extreme N. W. end of Sydney Spit, which is a prolongation northwestward of Sydney Island, Sydney channel.

Latitude N. 48° 39' 28"
Longitude W. 123 21 10

The spit at the site rises 3 feet above high water mark. The beacon consists of a cone 40 feet high, surmounted by a pole and cage 10 feet high, making the whole structure 50 feet high. It is all whitewashed.

This notice affects Admiralty Charts Nos. 577 (part 1), 1191 (parts 1 and 2), 1917, 2689 and 2840.

Committed Suicide.

Jack Reynolds, a blacksmith in the C. P. R. shops at Yale, committed suicide on Thursday night by hanging himself.

Coming Attractions.

Lew Johnson's colored combination of inimitable minstrel exponents will appear at the Victoria on Tuesday evening, and those who enjoy genuine plantation melodies and excellent dancing should secure seats at Waitt's. This company is highly spoken of by the California press.

Theatrical.

Joseph Grismer and Phœbe Davies will not play the coast circuit this season, but have gone to New York where they will secure a company of artists to play the principal cities of the east. Grismer is said to have made over $15,000 on his last venture, which will swell his snug little fortune to $45,000.

MARINE.

Steamer Empire is due at East Wellington from San Francisco.

Tug Pilot towed the bark Nanaimo to Moodyville yesterday to load lumber.

Ship Commodore has sailed from San Francisco for Departure Bay.

Ship Cheesebrough will complete her cargo of the V. C. Co.'s coal to-morrow night.

Steamer Mexico did not leave the outer wharf for San Francisco until 6 o'clock last evening.

The bark Hussquina did not go to Port Blakely yesterday as announced, but will probably leave to-day.

H. M. S. Caroline left for Cowichan yesterday and will attend the 1st of July celebration at Vancouver.

PERSONAL.

Wm. Charles condition has slightly improved.

D. R. Munro went to Vancouver this morning.

R. Collister returned from the Inlet last evening.

A. W. Ross, M.P., has left Ottawa for this province.

Alex. Begg, formerly of the Canadian Pacific railway, is *en route* to this province.

Capt. Irving went to Montreal this morning by way of the Canadian Pacific railway.

Senator Voorhees, who is a guest of the Driard, leaves for Alaska by the Olympian.

Dr. Bently and W. Dufour were passengers on the Yosemite last evening from Vancouver.

Geo. H. Markill, late bookkeeper at the graving dock, left for Kamloops this morning where he will take the position of bookkeeper for Mr. McGaw.

Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, N. S., moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of Canada, arrived on the Yosemite last evening and is a guest of Dr. A. McSwain.

Rev. Hugh Johnston, B. D., late pastor of Metropolitan Methodist church, Toronto, will leave on the 10th prox. for this city, Port Simpson and Southern California. He will be here three weeks from to-day and will deliver one of his interesting lectures, probably "From London to Jerusalem" before going further. The doctor will be accompanied by Wm. Gooderham, Esq., one of Toronto's wealthiest and most public spirited citizens.

THE NANAIMO DISASTER.

The Close of the Inquest—The Verdict.

The inquiry into the circumstances of the explosion in the V. C. Co.'s mine was resumed before Coroner Walkem at 2 p.m. on Friday.

Present, Hon. John Robson, minister of mines, on behalf of the government, Mr. Drake, Q. C., on the part of the V. C. Co., and Mr. Jas. Young representing the widows and orphans of the Knights of Labor, killed in the explosion.

Several witnesses were examined, including Mr. Bryden, manager Wellington collieries; Mr. Scott, overman of Wellington, and Mr. Wm. McGregor, manager of V. C. Co.'s colliery.

At 9:30 p.m. the last witness was examined, when Coroner Walkem summed up at considerable length, pointing out to the jury all the material facts as elicited during the enquiry. He animadverted very strongly on the character of some of the evidence given by some of the witnesses which he said consisted of prevarication and a seeming disposition to conceal facts which they, the witnesses, considered as having a very material bearing on the case. He impressed upon the jury the great gravity of the responsibility which rested upon their shoulders, and expressed the hope that in arriving at a verdict they would be guided by facts alone and those facts as obtained from the witness box. The definition of negligence was also explained in its relation to the enquiry. The summing up consumed about three-quarters of an hour. It was very impartial, and from what we have learned from those who were present a very clear and concise one.

The jury retired at 10:15 p. m., and returned with a verdict at about 2.30 a.m. The verdict as brought into court was as given below with the exception of that clause which we have placed in brackets. On rendering the verdict Coroner Walkem said: "Mr. Foreman, as the verdict now stands you impute negligence and should I receive that verdict, as I am in duty bound to do, I must in the course of my duty see that the force of your reference to mismanagement is carried into effect. Am I to understand that criminal negligence is implied?"

Foreman—"No, Mr. Coroner; there is an omission on our part to insert a clause to the effect that we do not impute any negligence."

Coroner Walkem—"Then I must ask you to insert the clause which I understand you to state has been omitted."

The clause in brackets was then inserted.

The coroner, in discharging the jury, thanked them for their attendance, for the patient and careful manner in which they had listened to and examined the various witnesses as they were placed on the stand, and also for the very kind reference which they had made to his own conduct of the enquiry.

THE VERDICT.

"We find that John Linn came to his death on the 3rd day of May, at the foot of No. 1 shaft, in the city and district of Nanaimo, and province of British Columbia, from the effects of afterdamp caused by an explosion, and that the said explosion was caused by the firing of an unprepared and badly planted shot in the face of the diagonal slope, thereby igniting what gas had accumulated or was circulating in the air in its immediate vicinity and intensified by the addition of coal dust.

"That a large volume of air was introduced into the mine, but that inasmuch as inflammable gas could generally be found on the roof in some high places, the distribution of the air was faulty in those high places.

"That in view of the fact of its being an acknowledged dry and dusty mine and that coal dust is a recognized factor in colliery explosions we submit that necessary precautions have not been observed for minimizing the probabilities of a catastrophe.

["In rendering the above verdict we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not wish to attribute any criminal negligence to any body."]

"We hold it our duty to assist in trying to prevent a recurrence of such a disaster as we have had under our consideration, and would suggest the system of appointment now in use respecting the inspector of mines and firemen be abolished, as it is fraught with evil. We wish it to be understood that in speaking thus we refer to only the manner or system of appointment and not as conveying any reflection upon the present inspector of mines.

"In our opinion all firemen should have passed a board of examination, qualifying themselves for their responsible positions, said board to consist of the managers and mines' inspector of the different collieries in the district. When passed they become eligible to election—electors to be the men whose lives would in a measure be in the hands of the elected. We believe the above plan would be productive of harmony between employers and employes.

"That the men holding the highly important positions of inspector and firemen should be well paid for their grave responsibilities, their duties sharply defined, and held accountable for their shortcomings.

"That a force be detailed for a daily examination of all the old workings, and all the coal filled from the face.

"We wish to congratulate you, Mr. Coroner, upon the able, impartial and very courteous manner in which you have presided at this inquest, and we desire to endorse every action you have taken in the matter.

"We would strongly recommend that the government remunerate you in a more generous manner than by the ordinary fee allowed for inquests. You are, we think, justly and fairly entitled to it."

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Coronation Day.

This is Coronation day.

For Portland.

The steamer Sardonyx is advertised to leave for Portland on July 2nd.

For Bear River.

The steamer Maude will leave the C. P. N. Co.'s wharf on Thursday afternoon for Bear river and points on the west coast.

Jubilee Hospital Collection.

The Pandora street Methodist church collection in aid of the jubilee hospital reached the handsome sum of $105.25.

Real Estate Transfer.

Messrs. Allsop & Mason have purchased the property at the corner of Cook and View streets from William Trickey for $2,900.

A Handsome Turn-Out.

Mr. W. J. Taylor, of Eberts & Taylor, has lately imported from Ontario a Derby wagon, which is in every way a stylish and comfortable turn-out.

Notable Dead.

Sir Matthew Crooks-Cameron, chief justice of Ontario, died at Toronto on Sunday from the effects of blood-poisoning. His sad death will be heard with regret by the many who were acquainted with his pure and stainless life.

In Full Flood.

The *Inland Sentinel* says that the Thompson river is now in full flood, and the saw and grist mill, and other buildings situated on Kamloops flat, are surrounded by water. The flood does not appear to be receding, but is rather on the increase.

Funeral of Chas. Taylor.

The remains of the late Charles Taylor, who died at the city gaol on Saturday morning, were interred on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends of the deceased.

Lew Johnson's Show.

To-night one of the merriest combinations that ever appeared here will give Victorians a treat. Lew Johnson's combination of colored artists will keep those who hear them in roars of laughter. Go early and secure your seats at Waitt's book store.

Criminal Libel.

F. W. Kirkland, proprietor of the Winnipeg *Siftings*, and Buckle & Sons, job printers on the paper, have been arrested on a charge of criminal libel preferred by Hugh John Macdonald, son of Sir John. It is understood the rhymed article in question reflects seriously on the virtue of Mrs. Macdonald, coupling her name with a prominent Winnipeg bank manager.

A Regrettable Departure.

Mr. J. J. Daley's hosts of friends in this city will regret to learn of his early departure. As secretary of the Y. M. C. A. his place will be hard to fill, since his genial, obliging manner fitted him admirably for the position. He has not yet decided as to his next place of residence, which will, however, be either The Dalles, Or., or San Bernardino, Cal. Mr. Daley will be followed into the new home with the best wishes of all who know him.

A Huge Panther Shot.

Benjamin Evans detected a large panther stealing his sheep at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning at Cadboro bay, and securing his gun shot her dead. The animal was brought to town later in the day and was viewed by a large number of people. She weighs in the neighborhood of 200lbs. Mr. Evans refused a large sum of money for the panther and intends to have it stuffed, as an evidence of his prowess with the gun.

A Good Appointment.

Mr. George Wise has resigned the several government offices he held at Yale and has been appointed registrar of the supreme and county courts at New Westminster in the room of Mr. E. A. Jenns, resigned. Mr. Wise has been a very faithful servant of the government in the past under somewhat trying circumstances and there is little doubt that he will fill to the utmost satisfaction the more responsible post to which he has been appointed. He will make a capital officer.

Inquest at Yale.

Coroner Wise held an inquest at Yale on Saturday the 25th instant, upon the body of Jacob Reynolds, otherwise Jacob Clinger, lately employed as a blacksmith on the C. P. R., who committed suicide by hanging himself in his dwelling place on the night of the 23rd inst. From the evidence it appeared that the deceased had been drinking very hard during the week, and the jury found a verdict of *felo de se*. The deceased came from St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A. He leaves a wife and one child.

Another Upset.

"It never rains but it pours." Two young men, slightly under the influence of "budge," while taking a row on Sunday evening upset their craft near Johnson street ferry, and but for the timely assistance of two gentlemen, would have met with a watery grave. Neither seemed able to swim, and those on the wharf were greatly amused to see the two making endeavors to hold on to the boat which was bottom up. It is said that their cold bath did not sober them up much, for when they once more gained *terra firma*, a wrangle commenced as to who upset the boat. Accidents of this nature have been frequent of late.

Port Simpson News.

The few Indians who were at home called a meeting when Mr. Tuck arrived and asked him why he was there before the commission promised by the government had come, and told him to stop working until the commissioners should arrive. They said they were ashamed of the government for breaking faith with them, for instead of sending a commission it had sent two or three parties of surveyors. They did not know what this meant, unless it was intended to cause trouble.

The exodus of Indians has commenced. A number of the Metlakahtlans have got gardens planted in Alaska, and are much pleased with the site that has been assigned to them at Port Chester, and as soon as the season's work is over they will be all off, at least so they say.

The Metlakahtlans.

The New York *Times* June 16, says:—Mr. William Duncan, of Metlakahtla fame, started from this city yesterday for Alaska, to select a village site for the Metlakahtla (British Columbia) Indians, who are seeking the protection of the United States government from cruel Church and State persecutions in Canada. Mr. Duncan stopped off an hour in Philadelphia to receive from American friends, as a present to his people, an American flag 12 by 18 feet in size, for the village pole. The presentation was made in Independence hall, the Stars and Stripes being spread upon the table upon which the Declaration of Independence was signed. In accepting the flag Mr. Duncan made a brief but touching speech.

Police Court.

The police magistrate and officials of the above court were kept pretty busy all the forenoon in disposing of the following cases:

Sam, an Indian, for being drunk, was fined $5 or one week.

Alfred Collis pleaded guilty to having stolen a rose from the garden of Mr. Woods and was fined $5, which was paid. Mr. Walls appeared for the defendant.

Bert Williams and Margaret Moore were charged with being in unlawful possession of goods, the property of W. C. E. Seeley. Their case was remanded until to-day.

Ah Bon, the Chinaman, who was arrested on a charge of theft, was dismissed.

Ah Kit, *alias* Ah Dock, charged with felony, was committed for trial.

Wan Goey, on remand from Saturday, was further remanded until Thursday.

Annexationists.

The ratepayers of St. Gabriel village voted on Thursday on the question of annexation to Montreal, which was carried by a two-thirds vote.

Coming Races.

On Friday, Dominion Day, there will be several good races at the Driving park. Besides the horse races, an interesting foot race will take place between local champions.

To Race Again.

The sailing race which took place last Tuesday is to be sailed over after the return of the various crafts from the 4th of July celebration at Tacoma.

Late Arrival.

The steamer Yosemite did not arrive at her dock until 1 o'clock yesterday morning, having been delayed at Vancouver owing to the train being ten hours late.

Running Again.

The Fort street 'bus, which was taken off the route during the jubilee celebrations, is running again, much to the satisfaction of the residents in that portion of the city.

H. M. S. Cutter Race.

There will be a race between the cutters of H.M.S. Triumph and Cormorant at Esquimalt this evening at six o'clock to decide the championship of the respective crews.

Steamer Changes.

The Yosemite's place on the Vancouver route was taken by the Rithet this morning, owing to repairs which it was found necessary to make on the former steamer. The Yosemite will resume her place on the route to-morrow morning.

Another Libel Suit.

Columbian: Dr. Trew has taken legal proceedings against this paper for libel. The alleged libel is contained in a letter written by Mr. Wm. Reid and published in the *Columbian* about eight months ago. Dr. Trew asks $10,000 damages.

Did Not Go.

Rev. Drs. Burns and Pollock did not go east this morning, and will attend the strawberry festival of the Presbyterian church to-night. The reverend gentlemen will proceed on their journey to-morrow morning.

Onderdonk's Contract.

In the Commons in reply to Mr. Donald Chisholm, M.P., the premier said that the section between Kamloops and Port Moody had been handed over to the C. P. R. company under the terms and conditions of the contract set out in the act incorporating the company.

Over the Rapids.

Steve Pear, local tight-rope walker, crossed the Niagara rapids on Wednesday on a five-eighth inch cable rope. It was not properly gauged and a stiff wind blew, making the trip a most perilous one. Several thousand persons witnessed the daring performance.

The "Jubilee" Fun.

The following riddle was propounded by a clever student of Langley street: "Who of the honorable gentlemen now occupying seats on the British Columbia bench is possessed of the most appropriate name for the position?" Judge (make right) McCreight.

WRATTZ.

Indians for Tacoma.

Tacoma *Ledger:* Captain John E. Burns returned last evening from Victoria, where he has been for several days. Captain Burns has secured three large canoes which will come here to attend the celebration, with fifty British Columbia Indians, some of whom are from the west coast of Vancouver island.

Victoria Abroad.

We are in receipt of a copy of the *Aurania News*, published on board the Cunard R.M.S. "Aurania" on the 11th inst. In it is to be obtained the name of R. Hall, who took part in the "Tug of War," between England and America. He was captain of the English team which won the contest.

A Big Failure.

David Darville & Co., London, Ont., founders and manufacturers of machinery, have failed. The sheriff has advertised their property for sale. Their liabilities reach $75,000, with assets about the same. Molson's bank is interested about $40,000 and secured collaterals. The Bank of British North America are also creditors. A large number of parties who paid notes once, but neglected to have them returned, have to pay a second time, as Molson's bank holds them.

St. Alice Hotel.

Arrivals at St. Alice Hotel up to June 25th—Peter McPherson, Joseph A. Scunah, Vancouver; R. McLean, New Westminster; F. Wilbla, Nicola; Melville B. Smith, New Zealand; Chas. D. Harrison, Brandon, Man.; A. Seevenson, Geo. Dick, Victoria; Dr. J. R. Bentley, wife and child, New Westminster; C. F. Thornton, St. Paul, Minn.; Geo. C. Good and wife, Miss Good, San Francisco; Henry J. Kennedy, Vancouver; Fred Thomson, Portland, Or.

Hard to Save.

Last evening the Salvation Army made a descent upon the *Times'* office, and by songs of salvation and earnest prayer in front of the door, endeavored to turn the steps of the journalistic sinners from their present downward course. The sins of Ananias are said to have been eloquently treated of, and these ardent disciples of that illustrious "saint" were exhorted to pause in a career of wickedness. It was no use, however, the task was too hopeless, and the army finally withdrew in despair while the *Times'* force retired as hardened as ever. Fire a volley!

A Soldier Poisoned.

The military brigade camp at Reckliffe, just outside Ottawa, was statled on Wednesday night by one of the soldiers of the Prescott battalion being brought in insensible. After several hours of medical labor the man was brought back to life, having been nearly poisoned by a dose of belladonna. How he was poisoned is a mystery. It is alleged that a girl who had some connection with him knew something of the matter. The matter is being investigated, and causes much excitement in the camp and city.

An Egyptian Trophy.

A rare curiosity is on exhibition at the telegraph office in this city which is worthy of inspection. It is an artistically executed marble vase, evidently of great intrinsic value. The history of this remarkable *souvenir* is indicative of the peculiar phases of life in the oldest country under the sun. During the sojourn of General Graham in the Soudan in his heroic struggles to crush the Mahdi, and the subsequent capture of Khartoum, where General Gordon met an untimely death, there resided in one of the palaces in the beleaguered city a young Egyptian princess of rare beauty, who by constant study had acquired an idea of Europeans and their language. In the campaign of 1884 while the English occupied Khartoum she fell desperately in love with a young English lieutenant, who in turn became infatuated with the dark-eyed beauty of the Nile. Owing to the state of siege it was difficult for the young people to meet, and their movements were watched by adherents of the Mahdi, until the young princess was suspected of treachery to her people and thrown into prison. In vain the young officer protested against this unseemly incarceration, and failing to get a message to her by ordinary means, he procured the Egyptian marble vase and, placing his message inside, filled it with flowers, and by aid of one of the servants from her palace succeeded in having the vase delivered to her. By this means a plan of escape was arranged, she sending the vase back without suspicion. Later she was rescued, and after the fall of Gordon, when the young lieutenant returned home to England, he brought the historic vase with him, and last year presented it to a friend who brought it to this province.

CABLE NEWS.

A Spirited Debate on the Crimes Bill in the Commons.

The Sultan Induced to Ratify the Egyptian Convention by Representations of His Ministers.

The Great Jubilee Yacht Race—Discovery of Ovid's Tomb—England and the Vatican—The Thistle Wins Another Race.

A Yorkshire Fight.

LONDON, June 25.—A party of gentlemen and land owners belonging to county West Moreland, while out riding to-day near the boundary separating that county from Yorkshire, offended some Yorkshiremen and were forbidden to cross the line. They crossed and a bloody encounter ensued, in which clubs and fists were freely used. A number were injured on both sides, and several magistrates were among those injured.

Stolen Jewels.

The *Standard* says to-day that the dowager Lady Meux while leaving Paris met a man on their travels in London and both went to a hotel at Holborn, where the man engaged apartments, taking a separate room for himself. He decamped from the hotel taking jewels worth £6,500 belonging to Lady Meux.

The Stock Markets.

The London stock markets are calm. It is the general feeling that the worst in the New York stock exchange has passed.

The Jubilee Yacht Race.

The Genesta, which is leading in the jubilee yacht race, passed Plymouth this morning, she was making but slow progress contending against dead head wind and strong tide.

A "Tiger" for Blaine.

James G. Blaine to-day visited the American exhibition. After the performance he had an informal reception and was loudly cheered, one spectator calling for and getting for Blaine "Three-times-three and a tiger."

Proposed Pacific Steamer.

The government is considering an offer by which the subsidy of £5,000 yearly will secure three lines of first class steamers on the trans-Canadian route to the east, one line to connect at Liverpool and Halifax, and the other two to connect with the Pacific terminus of the Canadian Pacific railway with Australia.

The Afghan Negotiations.

The *Standard* says the Afghan negotiations tend to an early and satisfactory settlement.

The Crimes Bill.

The Gladstonians approve of a speedy passage through of the remaining stages of the crimes bill in order to confine to the report at this stage the discussion of only prominent amendments. They will concentrate attention on the land bill.

The Coercion Bill.

LONDON, June 27.—The coercion bill came up for debate on its report stage in the house of commons this afternoon. It was announced on the part of the government that the bill would be taken up daily until passed. Mr. Morely moved as an amendment that the bill shall lapse for three years. The government, of course, opposed the amendment and a lively debate ensued. Mr. Gladstone warmly denied the charges of obstruction and repeated that the effect of the bill would be to create crime instead of suppress it. The government, he said, had virtually admitted that the bill was aimed at the lawless combination of tenants. One result was certain; it would cause increased bitterness of feeling againt England. The Irish people had a right to be governed constitutionally, and it was unjust to place them at the mercy of Dublin and Cork officials.

In an eloquent peroridon Mr. Gladstone recalled the history of English struggle for liberty, and taunted the government for urging the bill intended to suppress the love for liberty in Ireland, whose sons had aided so largely in making England glorious. Mr. Balfour replied to Mr. Gladstone declaring that the proposed measure was forced upon the government in self defence. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180 to 119.

Ovid's Tomb Discovered.

It is announced that Ovid's tomb has been discovered. The location is at Anarolkioi near Kustendami. The stone marking Ovid's arrival at the island of Tomi, when he was banished thither by Augustus A. D. 8. Also the account of the poet's intrigue with the Emperor's daughters Julia and Appollo's reception of him. Ovid's Isle is a few miles from Kusdemani.

The Crimes Bill.

Smith announced that the government intended to proceed with the crimes bill until it passed the report stage. Robertson (liberal) moved a new clause be added to the bill providing the act could be repealed by order in council. This, he said, would prevent the house of lords keeping the act on the statute book in defiance of the house of commons. Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, opposed the clause. Morley moved that the duration of the act be limited to three years. It was the first time, he said, that any government had the shameful courage to propose perpetuation of coercion. This was the first government that cast to the winds old-fashioned regard for liberty of subject and the doctrine that exceptional legislation should not last one day longer than circumstances demanded. Webster, attorney-general, opposed Morley's motion. Gladstone urged that the special character of the bill was the reason for limiting its duration. Its enactment as a permanent measure would aggravate existing evils, intensify that alienation and estrangement from law wherein lay the fundamental evil of Ireland's social condition. Sir Wilfred Lawson, supporting the amendment, said it was an honor to America to send money to those fighting for the freedom of Ireland. The amendment was rejected.

England and the Vatican.

In the commons to-night W. H. Smith, first lord of the treasury, replying to Johnston said no proposal to establish diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican had ever been contemplated, nor had any such proposal been made to or by the government.

The Anglo-Turkish Trouble.

BRUSSELS, June 25.—*Lenard*, the Russian organ published here, denies the report that Russia is willing to accept the Anglo-Turkish convention concerning Egypt. If England will accept the Prince of Miningrelia and Prince of Bulgaria the paper declares Russia will execute her policy and won't bargain about it.

The Thistle Racing Again.

GLASGOW, June 25.—The yachts Thistle and Irex started from Rothesa to-day on a fifty mile race. There was a brisk breeze at the time. The Thistle at once took the lead.

The Thistle won the prize, covering the course in 4 hours, six minutes and 45 seconds' time. The Irex was 4 hours, 18 minutes and 45 seconds.

The Thistle Wins Again.

GLASGOW, June 27.—The Thistle won the race at Glasgow yesterday, covering the course in 4 hours, 9 minutes and 40 seconds; the Irex still being 9 hours, 17 minutes and 4 seconds. The Thistle saved her time from the Irex and won by 1 minute and three seconds.

The Great Jubilee Yacht Race.

DOVER, June 27.—The great jubilee yacht race is over. The Genesta passed the finishing line off this port at 5h. 24m. 40 sec. this morning. The Sleuthound passed Ventor, Isle of Wight at 10 and is expected to arrive here at 10 to-night. The Gwendoline and Aline passed the Lizard at 8:30 Sunday morning, and the Selene was off Falmouth. The Genesta completed the tour of the islands in exactly twelve days, sixteen hours and fifty five minutes.

French Jubilee Observance.

PARIS, June 25.—The American Colony will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in the American church on Tuesday next, the anniversary of her coronation.

Foreigners in France.

PARIS, June 27.—The committee appointed to inquire into the position of foreigners in France, to-day rejected the proposal to tax all foreigners after having heard Minister Flourens' views on the subject.

The Egyptian Convention.

CAIRO, June 27.—It is stated that Ahmed Monkhtar, Turkish commissioner, has heard that the Sultan was to refuse to ratify the Egyptian convention. French despatches from Constantinople assert the Sultan has been induced to sign the convention by representations of his ministers. That France acquiesced in his action.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

There is a panic in the New York stock market.

From advices from Panama, under date of June 4th, it is learned that Dr. Rafael Nunenz entered formally into the possession of office as president of the republic.

The imprisoned miners at Virginia City, Nev., were not reached yesterday.

The total number of presidential offices in the U. S. at the beginning of the fiscal year will be 2,336.

The census taken throughout Brazil shows that there are less than 700,000 slaves in the whole empire.

There is great excitement around Tombstone, Arizona, owing to the war-like demonstrations of the Indians.

At Valparaiso, up to May 1st, 899 cases of cholera had occurred and of the number 628 died. In Quillota, 1978 cases had occurred and 1002 deaths.

Wm. K. Vanderbilt's yacht, the Alva, will start from New York on the morning of July 2nd, on a cruise around the world carrying Vanderbilt and a party of friends.

The U. S. authorities at Niagara Falls, in taking the names of Canadians employed on the American side as they pass over the bridge, causes great indignation.

At North Industry, Stark county, Ohio, Thursday, Conrad Doll, a carpenter, quarrelled with his wife and killed her and his stepson with a hatchet. He has not yet been found.

The Augustine synod of the Evanglical Lutheran church at Chicago adopted a resolution that no student in the synod's educational institution at Rock Island be allowed to use tobacco.

The *Journal Des Debats* denies that the French and Russian ambassadors at Constantinople sent a note to the porte threatening that war would result if the Egyptian convention was ratified.

The period of grace granted Dr. McGlynn of New York has about expired. He has made no signs of submission. It is stated the Pope will, without further delay, formally excommunicate him.

Parnell has addressed Mr. Gill, recently nominated by the common council as lord mayor of Dublin, and whose nomination caused much discontent among the nationalists, to withdraw in favor of Sexton.

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Private advices from Guaymas say that the Yaqui chief, Anastacio Cuca, one of Cajema's lieutenants during the late Yaqui war, was executed a few days ago at Yaqui river, in the presence of his people.

The cabinet has decided to prorogue parliament about the middle of August. It is reported in unionist quarters that strong opposition will be offered. The proposed supplementary crimes bill will be dropped.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Atkins has forwarded to Secretary Lamar a list of names from which are to be selected special agents, provided for by the Indian severalty bill, to supervise the allotment of lands to Indians.

Railroad development in southern California, directed by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, with the aid of kindred organizations, such as the Atlantic & Pacific and the California Southern companies, does not diminish.

United States Consul-General Walter presided at a jubilee banquet given Wednesday night at the Hotel Metropolitan by foreign consuls in London. Two hundred persons were present including representatives of forty nations.

A hastily summoned cabinet meeting was held on Thursday to consider the hitch in regard to the Anglo-Turkise convention in reference to Egypt. The government is irritated at the opposition to the convention on the part of France and Russia.

The U. S. civil service commission proposes early next month to make a tour of the Northwest Pacific coast, and the Southwest, for the purpose of giving those persons who desire to attain governmental salaries through a display of their literary qualifications, an opportunity to be examined.

The mysterious Anna J. Butterfield, who left Riverside last Sunday, and who was suspected of having had some connection with the alleged abduction of Mrs. Brooks, of Macala, Mich., has been discovered in San Francisco. She appears to be partially demented.

The silver chasers of New York, who have been on strike for nearly three months, are forsaking the K. of L. and being taken back by their employers on condition of their renunciation of allegiance to trades unions. All are expected to be at work in a few days.

D. A. McKinley, His Hawaiian Majesty's consul at San Francisco, says in regard to the alleged rebellion, that from his private knowledge and information he considers a great majority of the reports published by several sensational local journals to be nothing more than fabrications of imaginative journalists.

Signor Basile and Signor Boughi, exministers of public instruction, will present to the chamber of deputies in Rome to-day a bill providing for the preservation of ancient Rome. The estimated cost is eight millions, to be paid in annual rates by the municipal government.

At Derby, the Sudbury stakes, for two-year-olds, five furlongs straight, was won by Gen. Owen William's colt Senaus by four lengths, Col. Forester's filly Larose second, the Duke of Portland's colt Johnny Morgan third.

The action of the American authorities at Niagara Falls in preventing laborers residing in Canada from working in the United States has created displeasure in official circles at Ottawa. The minister of customs regards it as an unfriendly act on the part of the United States.

Wherever the Canadian Pacific can figure out a cent of profit it is making rates to beat those of American lines. Yesterday the tariff rate on borax to St. Louis, 77 cents per hundred pounds, was scaled down to 70 cents by the foreign line, and three carloads were taken at that figure. The cut will probably be met by the American lines, but it means the hauling of that class of freight at a very low percentage of profit.

Captain Hummell, of the steamship Lore, which arrived in Baltimore on Wednesday evening from Rotterdam, reports that on Tuesday last, at about 6 o'clock in the evening, his vessel was in collision with the British brigantine Aldywith, which was carrying a cargo of sugar from St. Louis, Hayti, to New York. The collision occurred off Cape Henlopen in a dense fog.

A dispatch to London announcing that the British corvette Conquest has been ordered to Honolulu to protect the interests of British subjects there in the event of trouble of a serious nature has a tendency to keep in a flame the reports of a probable revolution in Hawaii. It is understood also that the United States minister has asked this government for a war vessel to proceed to Hawaiian waters.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Apache Indians on the War Path in Arizona.

Heroic Efforts to Rescue the Imprisoned Miners in the Gould and Curry Mines.

The Pacific Mail Company Cuts Passenger Rates to Japan and China—New Steamship Line to Honolulu—A Murderer Sentenced to be Hanged.

Volunteers Under Orders.

CHICAGO, June 25.—A special from Winnipeg says that secret orders have been issued to local volunteer battalions to hold themselves in readiness for active service. It is believed to be a ruse on the part of the Dominion government to send volunteers west under the pretext that another uprising among the Indians is feared, so that the government can easily carry out the evident intention of preventing Manitoba building the proposed road to the boundary. It is said to be the government's intention to send into Winnipeg mounted police, and in the absence of volunteers, coerce the province into submission.

Many citizens are discussing the affair and a measure is being devised to meet the government and checkmate its scheme.

The Nevada Mine Disaster.

VIRGINIA CITY, June 25.—The fire in the Gould and Curry mine was brought under control at 9:30 this morning, and all efforts are now being directed to the rescue of the six imprisoned men. The damage to the mine by the flames is not serious. At noon the fire had been completely extinguished and the cage had been lowered to the 1300 foot level in an endeavor to reach the imprisoned men.

Shipping Circle Stir.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—The quietness which prevailed in shipping circles for several weeks past was broken yesterday by the arrival of thirty-three vessels up to last night.

Coney Island Races.

CONEY ISLAND, June 27.—The Mermaid stakes, 1½ miles, were won by Haggins Firengi. Time, 1.56.

A Murderer Sentenced.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—The supreme court to-day dismissed the appeal of Jno. Kernaghan, murderer of his sister Martha Hood, from the judgment of the superior court in this city, convicting him of murder in the first degree and sentencing him to be hanged.

Smallpox in Jail.

Fred Davis, one of the trustees of the city prison, is believed to be ill with smallpox. Surgeons say they will not be surprised if there is a visitation of smallpox in the prison.

The Hostile Apaches.

General Howard in speaking this afternoon of the capture of hostile Apaches said: I am inclined to think these Apaches will be dealt with severely, and even the extreme penalty of the law may be inflicted on part of them. A court martial will convene at once and will in all likelihood be made up from ten to thirteen officers. Of course the civil authorities may interfere, though it don't look much as though they are anxious to take a hand.

Reduced Rates to China.

On account of the establishment of a subsidized trans Pacific steamship line to run in connection with the Canadian Pacific railway and the low rates that were made in the passenger fares to Asiatic ports, the Pacific mail people have been compelled to make a reduction in their charges. This was done to-day. The new passenger rate from here to Yokohama is $200. The rate is the same to Hong Kong, while formerly it was $250 to Yokohama and $300 to Hong Kong. The round trip rate of $350 is also made to both cities, and heretofore the round trip tickets were only sold to Yokohama.

The Virginia Disaster.

The following dispatch was received at the office of Gould and Curry in this city this morning: Virginia City, June 27.—7:30 a. m.—Lanterns have been lowered to forty-five feet below the 1,200 level and were returned still burning. There is no smoke coming up the shaft and but very little gas. The rescue drift is going ahead all right and we hope to connect with the 1,500 level within the next twenty hours.

Regarding the probable fate of the men imprisoned on the 1,500 level, to accomplish whose rescue every effort is being made, the majority of the miners have given up all hope that the imprisoned men are still alive. The progress so far made in driving through a wall of adamantine rock exceeds anything heretofore recorded in the annals of modern mining. Before to-morrow morning the fate of the men will be known. At 6 o'clock this evening the incline being sunk to connect with the drift in Best and Belcher, where the men were imprisoned, was down about twenty feet below the bottom of the vertical winze. About 8 o'clock this evening three drills will be sent simultaneously to break a hole through into Best and Belcher's drift. One of these will be drilled on the same grade as the bottom of the incline, another vertically below the bottom of the incline and a third horizontally ahead. Should either of them fail to connect with the drift in the Best and Belcher, the incline will be excavated a few feet deeper and drills sent in again. It will not require more than one hour to send the holes in ten feet with Burleigh drills and it is confidently anticipated that the fate of the men will be decided before midnight. If alive they can be communicated with and food sent into them through a drill hole. The air sent in is taken as regularly from the compressor pipe as if the men were inhaling it. No gas could remain in a drift with such a stream of fresh air being forced into the face of it, under such tremendous pressure. Intense excitement is manifested as the hour when the fate of the imprisoned men will be ascertained. The entrance of the Con. Virginia shaft, through which they, or their dead bodies, will be brought to the surface, is thronged with a dense crowd of people. Relatives and families of the imprisoned men and telegraph correspondents are the only persons allowed in the building except employés. When the men are reached by the rescuing party news will be announced by blowing of whistles and ringing of bells.

The board of directors of the Gould and Curry mine has subscribed five hundred dollars for the families of the men who perished in the late disaster, and the Pacific Stock exchange donated three hundred and fifty.

A New Steamship Line.

SAN DIEGO, June 27.—Santa Fe officials have decided to run a line of steamers from San Diego to Honolulu even if the other lines do not come here. The steamer City of Topeka will soon start on the initial trip of the new line.

An Expected Indian Attack.

GLOBE, A. T., June 27.—About ten o'clock last night a Mexican greatly excited made his appearance in Globe and represented his escape from a large body of Indians in the vicinity of Cayote hole twelve miles distant from this place. The Indians particularly enquired the number of men in Globe, and when the Mexican in reply, said a great many, he was told he lied, that there was not many; that they (the Indians) were going to Globe and would be there by 6 o'clock in the morning. There was a stampede from the suburbs to town, and the men mounted guard on the hills. Happily the expected attack dik not take place. At 11 o'clock Lieut. McDonald and many white troops arrived from Fort McDowell; their presence has relieved the anxiety felt. There is no safety for the people at isolated ranches and camps in the vicitity while several hundred insubordinate Indians are massed at Coyote Hole, twelve miles from here.