

PETITION FOR AN OLD MEN'S HOME CITIZENS ASK THAT INSTITUTION BE BUILT

Time for the Completion of the Carnegie Library Has Been Extended Six Months.

A petition from a number of representative citizens who have property equivalent to more than one-tenth of the value of real estate assessed in this city, was last evening read at the weekly meeting of the Mayor and aldermen asking for the construction of a new Old Men's Home.

The Victoria Gas Co. notified the council of its desire to open a Broad street to run a pipe leading to Spencer's building. Laid on the table.

T. C. Sorby offered the city a copy of a mounted map of the harbor showing wharves, etc., at \$20; also a specially prepared chart for \$12. The offer of the mounted map was accepted, and the offer of the chart was tabled for future consideration.

John A. Coates applied for the use of the stamping machine at Elk lake. Refused to city engineer with power to act.

Lost inquired what the council had decided to do in regard to the construction of a sidewalk on Carr street. Referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee.

The secretary of the board of trade asked for an explanation of the status of the Rock Bay bridge question. Received and filed, the writer to be informed when any changes in the matter take place.

Dr. Herman Robertson endorsed the new form of the medical death certificates. Received and filed.

Two communications from New York—the Daily Bond Buyer and the Financial News—asked for particulars of the sale of the city's bonds. It was agreed to give the name of the successful bidder and the prices obtained.

W. J. Dowler acknowledged receipt of communications from Andrew Grey and S. Perry Mills et al for certain improvements. Received and filed.

The city solicitor reported on the application of the Victoria Gas Co. regarding the laying of pipes on Broad street. The city solicitor reported on the application of the Victoria Gas Co. regarding the laying of pipes on Broad street.

The sanitary officer and building inspector reported on a building on Langley street facing Mr. McGregor's premises. The officer stated that it was intended to replace the structure next spring.

Henry M. Dumberton et al petitioned as follows: To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Council of the Corporation of Victoria:

The humble petition of the undersigned owners of more than one-tenth of the value of real property within the municipality of the city of Victoria, presented to the council pursuant to section 69 of the Municipal Clauses Act, 1867, sheweth:

KILLED BY FALLING TREE. Fatal Accident in a Logging Camp Near Rossland.

A fatal accident occurred on Tuesday last in Blue & Deschamps's logging camp, located about four miles north of Rossland, in which Thomas Mathieu lost his life.

Mathieu and a companion were engaged in felling a large tree. It had been felled to the ground and was falling when Mathieu and his companion sought safety by getting out of the line where they thought the tree would land.

The deceased was a native of Hull, Quebec, and was a French-Canadian. He was aged about 35 years.

ADDRESS ON VALUE OF GOOD LITERATURE

First of Series to Be Delivered by Dr. Campbell Was Given Last Sunday Evening.

Rev. Dr. Campbell last Sunday evening in First Presbyterian church gave a lecture to young people on "The Influence of the Books We Read in Moulding Our Character."

He said a marvelous revolution in book reading has taken place since Caxton printed the first book in English, 400 years ago. Although books are cheap, it is seldom even now that a well selected library is found in the home.

Parents cannot afford to be without good books for their children, for if they are not supplied with them they are sure to be provided with bad books in some way or another, and a young man's character is moulded largely by the literature he reads.

The best and most interesting poetry, romance, fiction, history, travel and biography should be in the home circle library, to the exclusion of literature which is corrupt and impure and acts as poison on the mind.

The doctor urged parents to take a careful supervision of the books, magazines and newspapers which their children read. He gave an instance of a boy who attempted to wreck a train, and when arrested a dime novel was found in his pocket in which were described train robbery, two highway robberies, three burglaries and a murder, and the principals in all these were painted as heroes.

He also instanced the case of a number of boys in a town in which he once was pastor, who congregated in a secluded old house which they called "The Club." Here they smoked, drank, they were arrested, and in their residences were found packs of cards and scores of dime novels of the most impure and damning character.

Good reading produces good morals in young men and women, and bad literature produces the reverse.

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After Twenty Years. Richard Waugh, for twenty years editor of the Northwest Farmer, has retired.

A Busy Scene. Mild weather at Fort William continues. The unprecedented grain rush at this date is the topic of conversation to the government having the lighthouses

Boarding House Destroyed—The Grain Bush at Fort William. (Associated Press.)

Winipeg, Dec. 7.—The boarding house of the Manitoba Construction Co. at the new railway shops was destroyed by fire early this morning, and eighty men had to escape from suffocation in light apparel.

Another Fire. Doyte's hardware store at Clanwilliam, a village near Minnedosa, has been destroyed by fire.

DOCTORED NINE YEARS FOR TETTER. Mr. James Gaston, merchant, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., writes: "For nine years I have been afflicted with Tetters on my hands and face, which I have found a cure in Dr. Agnew's Ointment. It helped me from the first application, and now I am permanently cured."

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WILL DESTROY ATTEMPT TO RUSSIANS RESUME CLEARING

Capture of 203-Metre Hauler Many Lives on Short Rate.

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The Daily Telegraph's before Port Arthur telegraphed the Russian battleships together with the gunboats admeck, were sunk or destroyed only the torpedo boat admeck.

The crews of all the harbor were landed. Japanese Fleet is Off Port Arthur.

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