Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 1888.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Nov. 10.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Prince of Wales' Birthday.

Yesterday was the forty-seventh anniversary of the birth of His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales. There was a liberal display of bunting in the city in honor of the event.

Police Court.

The case of M. Jamieson, charged with obtaining board at the Pacific Telegraph Hotel under false pretences, was the only one before the magistrate yesterday morning. The prosecutor did not appear and the case was dismissed.

Obituary.

Mrs. Susanna Pittock, mother of R. Pittock of the *Evening Standard*, and H. L. Pittock, of the Portland *Oregonian*, died at the residence of her son, T. R. Pittock, Neville Island, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, on Thursday. The deceased lady was in her 88th year.

The Westminster Southern.

The *Columbian* says: "The Southern railway matter has been definitely settled, and there is now no obstacle in the way of the rapid completion of the road. Mr. Jas. Leamy has signed the contract to complete the road to the boundary line, and has now 240 men at work."

Vancouver Island Building Society.

The Vancouver Island Building society had another drawing at Harmony Hall on Thursday evening, when Mr. C. Booth and Mrs. A. J. Bishop, drew appropriations of $1,000 each. The Victoria Building Society will hold a drawing on Thursday evening next.

St. Andrew's Concert.

The second concert under the auspices of the Young People's Association of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, will be held on Monday evening, 12th November, at Philharmonic Hall, when English character will be illustrated in song and story. All those who were at the first concert will not miss the second opportunity of having a rare treat as the programme promises to even surpass the last.

Attempted Suicide.

Joe Phœnix, who was recently convicted in the police court of selling liquor to Indians, on Friday evening made a determined effort to commit suicide, fortunately without success. After asking in Mr. Shotbolt's drug store for strychnine, with which he said he wanted to poison a dog, and being refused, he went to his home on Chatham street and there threatened to shoot himself. The door of the house was broken open and Phœnix found in a fit. A loaded revolver was found close at hand. A policeman arrived soon after and the unfortunate man was taken to the police station where he is still confined. His temporary insanity is the result of fits, to which he has been subject for many years.

Westminster Terrorized.

For several weeks past a series of robberies have been committed at Westminster, in every case the thieves getting safely off with their booty, and so far, the police have been unable to detect the thieves or find any trace of the stolen property. Having so successfully evaded the law, the robbers are becoming bolder, and the *Columbian* reports several attempted murders, the object of the would-be assassins evidently being robbery. On Monday night an attempt was made to murder Mr. Harvey, and on Wednesday morning an attempt was made on the life of Mr. Sandy Robertson, purser of the steamer Irving. Mr. Robertson was attacked by two men, one of whom used a knife. The purser, however, beat both his assailants off, and administered a good kicking to one of them. He could not prevent their escape, however. On Wednesday evening Mr. W. H. Lewis, of the *Columbian*, was followed by two strange men. Noticing their suspicious appearance. Mr. Lewis quickened his pace, and reached home before the footpads could overtake him. On Tuesday night the store of M. A. McRae on Columbia street, was burglarized, a quantity of cloth being carried off. On Wednesday night the store of the Royal City Planing mills was feloniously entered and a good haul was made, the thieves getting away with groceries, tobacco, etc., to the value of several hundred dollars. The *Columbian* says: "All these occurrences tend to show that a large and well organized band of robbers and cut-throats are now operating in the city. While the want of a sufficient police protection exists, citizens should go provided to defend their lives and property against the organization which, it is feared, has not yet completed its work."

MARINE.

Steamship Queen of the Pacific will sail for San Francisco at one o'clock this afternoon.

The new boilers of the steamer Isabel were tried yesterday. The repairs and improvements are now well under way and will be completed about the end of the month.

Steamer Pilot, with Capt. John Irving on board, went up yesterday morning to Irving's Reef with a scow in tow to the assistance of the steamer Maude, still on the rocks.

The bark Newsboy was towed to sea from Westminster by the Pilot on Thursday afternoon, her destination being Sydney, N.S.W. Her cargo, which was loaded at the Royal City Planing Mills consists of 700,000 feet of rough lumber, laths and pickets.

BY TELEGRAPH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—Arrived—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, Portland; bark Shirley, Tacoma. Cleared—Bark Harry Moore, Port Townsend; steamer Empire, Nanaimo. Sailed—Steamer Umatilla, Victoria.

PERSONAL.

Thos. Trounce will leave for San Francisco to-day.

John Richards leaves for a trip to Southern California to-day.

Rev. Father Brabant, of Hesquiot, on the west coast, is in the city.

Hon. J. H. Turner was among the arrivals by the Yosemite this morning.

J. H. Todd and W. L. Cusack returned to Victoria from the mainland this morning.

Mrs. J. McCurdy of the Revere House returned this morning from a visit to Port Townsend.

Hon. F. G. Vernon, chief commissioner of lands and works, returned from the mainland this morning.

Capt. Urquhart, M. H. Cowan and Capt. Snowden arrived down by the Yosemite this morning.

The following guests are at the Clarence: A. Robinson and wife, Seattle; M. J. Haney, Ottawa; H. Van Patten and wife, Dayton, W. T.; S. Warburg, Portland; W. H. Steves, Lulu Island; Miss C. M. Tully, Lulu Island; J. B. Morris, San Francisco.

Right Rev. J. B. Brondel, R.C. Bishop of Montana, arrived in the city yesterday morning, and is a guest of Bishop Lemmens. Bishop Brondel has come to attend the funeral obsequies of the late Archbishop Seghers, whose remains will shortly arrive from the north by the U. S. Cutter Thetis.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

The Westminster fifteen arrived by the Princess Louise yesterday afternoon and are quests at the Clarence. The game will begin at 3 p.m. sharp, and we trust that Victorians will turn out in force to give our boys encouragement. Spectators will show some small consideration for the visitors if they will not stand on the field of play or behind the goal posts. The last match against Nanaimo was greatly spoiled owing to the spectators encroaching on the ground.

A COMING TREAT.

Last evening was a busy one for the members of the Victoria Athletic Club, who turned out in full force at the gymnasium, Yates street, for a full rehearsal of the programme to be presented at the coming athletic tournament. A general meeting of the officers will be held on Tuesday evening next, when the date of the entertainment will be definitely fixed and the place, which will be either the Victoria Theatre or Philharmonic Hall. It is expected that the night of the 6th of December will be fixed upon for the performance.

The programme will include a spring-board act, with leaping and lofty tumbling, in which twelve men will take part; horizontal bar work, by eight or ten of the best athletes of the club; Indian club swinging, in class of three, and a single exhibition of the latest fancy swinging and club juggling, including the mysterious fire club, one of the prettiest tricks of this branch of athletics and something entirely new on this coast; the slack-wire performance, including all the latest tricks; and a performance on the parallel bars and vaulting horse. In addition to these attractions the programme will include an exhibition of fancy ground tumbling, front, back and trick somersaulting, the brother act, etc., by six as neat acrobats as can be found on the Pacific Coast; a table acrobatic pantomime, the funny feature of the entertainment, and an exhibition of strength by Mr. Joe Coleman, the "man with the iron jaw." The exhibition will be a first-class display of athletics, and as such should draw a big house. If the Philharmonic Hall is chosen for the entertainment, it will probably be followed by a private hop, for the members of the club and their friends.

SUPREME COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a Jury.)

Prevost *vs.* Smith—Plaintiff representing the heirs of Wm. Stirling, deceased, claimed to be entitled to a house and a portion of a lot on Meares street occupied by Stirling at the time of his death. The defendant, W. H. Smith, stated that the property was given Stirling to be used during his life only, no transfer had been given by Smith to Stirling. Witnesses for plaintiff were John Kurtz, Frank Page, Robt. Tennant and W. Humphrey. M. W. T. Drake and Charles Wilson for plaintiff; J. R. Helt for defendant. Judgment was reserved for further argument on part of plaintiff and defendant.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

More unsightly verandahs are being torn down on Johnson street.

The steward of Royal Hospital thanks Mr. John B. Logan and "a friend" for a parcel of clothing each.

Flags floated gaily in various parts of the city yesterday in celebration of the birthday of H.R.H., the Prince of Wales.

A two-storey brick building is being erected at the corner of Broughton and Gordon streets. It will when completed be occupied by Messrs. Dempster and Beek, as a carriage factory.

Mr. Charles Burns, owner of the sloop that went ashore near Trial Island last Friday night with a cargo of hoops for the Saanich Lime Co., has returned to San Juan by way of Port Townsend, and will leave San Juan at once with another sloop to try and release his own from the rocks at Fowl Bay.

The usual daily runaway occured yesterday afternoon on Government street, a horse owned by Mr. Jacob Sehl creating the excitement, by running from Mr. Sehl's establishment on Government street, to the stable at his residence on Laurel Point, over James Bay.

THE RIGHTS OF FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

The characters Kung Tsao, in the Chinese text of our treaty with that nation, have been the subject of much learned and exhaustive correspondence between several legations, and the Tsung li ya men or foreign office at Peking. The subject is one which, examined by the light of a recent despatch of the Prime Minister Li Chung Tang to a Chinese official at Shanghai, is pregnant with vital and overpowering importance to our people there, the rebound of which will surely affect our interests here in a marked and profitable degree. To one conversant with the power and value of Chinese symbols, as covering their English equivalents, one cannot but feel impressed with the belief that we have here again to contend against the astute diplomatic while of an Asiatic statesman in an endeavor to wrest from us the treaty right to manufacture. The petition of the Chinese merchants, and its refusal, appears but a transparent cover under which the viceroy hurls a shaft at our commercial interests at Shanghai. The scheme fell, which ruined the silk filiturea works of an American firm, in arresting the compradore for supposed dealings with Taiping rebels of twenty odd years back, could not well be repeated with an English firm, but the principle is there all the same, as we read, that the clients of an English firm have been frightened off. In the despatch His Excellency Li Chung Tang proceeds to observe "that the rule, as regards foreign merchants, is, that they cannot manufacture Chinese produce in Chinese ports, or convert it by industrial processes into a different nature of goods. It matters not, when or who this rule cannot be set aside in favor of any foreigner, nor can any foreigner be allowed, by establishing a manufactory for weaving cotton, to encroach on the rights of the natives of China, and to take the bread out of the mouths of the Chinese. The Taotai is therefore instructed to maintain the native rights with energy and decision in order that these enterprises may be put an end to."

Should England concede the point, the outcome in the future may be forseen in increased enterprises in our province, making it the centre of manufacturing concerns. Messrs. Hall & Ross, of our city, send beyond China for the raw material which they convert into a different class of goods. This profitable measure is one so lucrative that our capitalists will ere long see in India and China markets for their raw material and manufactured material. Should they not see this they may depend upon it that China merchants will take advantage of their proximity to China to avail of their skilled labor, their machinery and other appliances in the manufacture from the raw material felts, camel's wool, refuse and silk filitures. C. F. MOORE.

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It is stated that the C. P. R. is negotiating for the purchase of the Great Western Division of the Grand Trunk railway from Komoka to Windsor.

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Methodist Church Anniversary.

The 25th anniversary of the Nanaimo Methodist Church will be commemorated at the Black Diamond City to-day by special services, and sermons by Rev. J. W. Wadman, of this city.

New Coal Wharves.

The Vancouver Coal Company of Nanaimo has commenced the construction of new loading wharves, which will connect with the present wharves of the company. The new wharves will have a frontage of 300 feet, and will thus increase the loading facilities of the company 100 per cent.

The Stranded Steamer.

When the Yosemite reached the Maude yesterday afternoon she was still lying in the same position. The Yosemite left a scow at the steamer and it was thought that she would be successfully floated last night. There is a big hole in her hull forward.

Comox Notes.

The Knights of Pythias have started to build a hall on ground leased from Messrs. Robb & Son. It is currently reported that another claimant to the land is liable to turn up at any time. The Knights had better be on their guard.

The farmers are busy taking up their root crops and preparing for the winter.

Smallpox in Portland.

Two fresh cases of smallpox were reported in Portland on Friday, and on Thursday a little girl succumbed to the disease. There are now eight cases in the city, one of which will probably prove fatal. All the school children are to be vaccinated, and the authorities are doing all in their power to stamp out the disease.

A Handy Breastpin.

Mr. F. W. Nicholles, foreman of the Electric Illuminating Co., of Vancouver, has an incandescent electric breastpin with which he surprises his friends, lights his way to bed, reads a newspaper in the dark or notes the time indicated by his pocket chronometer, all of which serves to illustrate the possible uses of electricity in the near future.

Outgoing Passengers.

The following passengers left for San Francisco per steamship Queen of the Pacific yesterday: Miss Lacy, C. Snow, Theo. Trounce, J. Richards, Capt. McAllister, Mrs. Condon, Miss C. M. Tully, Mrs. T. N. Piket, Miss Piket, Jas. Graham, R. Mills, wife and children, Arthur Lee, T. G. Teed, Mrs. Thos. Peabody, W. H. Castle, Mr. Hunderson, wife and child, W. McNeil, D. H. Crichton, O. H. Goodwin, T. D. Elderton and wife, Mrs. Schenck and child and 11 in the steerage.

Protestant Orphans' Home.

The ladies' committee thankfully acknowledge donations in October: Fruit—Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Ladies of St. John's Church, Mrs. Peter Wilson, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Tugwell, J. & A. Clearihue, Mrs. M. W. Waitt, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Musgrave, Mrs. A. Munroe, F. D. Vegetables—F. D., St. John's Church, Mrs. P. Wilson, Mr. S. Gray. Provisions—F. D., Mr. Meiss, "Leap-Year Party," Mrs. A. Munroe. Clothing—Young & Co., Mrs. Dr. Renwick, Mrs. Kinsman.

Moodyville Shipping.

The barque W. A. Campbell, bound for Melbourne, is still awaiting a tug to take her out.

The barque George, loading at Moodyville, will complete her cargo next week. She is destined for Shanghai.

The bark Altcar has completed her cargo, and a tug will arrive to tow her out on Sunday. She has the whole of her cargo of lumber under hatches, the deck being left quite clear. This is not usually the case. The Altcar is bound for Sydney, Aus.

A Strange Disappearance.

The residents of Comox are greatly alarmed over the prolonged absence from his home of a man named Beasley, who lives about two miles from the Comox postoffice, and who owns a ranch about one mile from his home. On Wednesday last Beasley left his home intending to go up to the ranch, get his gun and go deer hunting. Since then nothing has been heard of him. His gun has been taken fr m the house at the ranch, and it is supposed that he has met with some serious accident. Searching parties are scouring the woods in every direction for the missing man. On Friday almost the entire neighborhood turned out, but could find no trace of him.

Broke Jail.

The four youthful burglars, Willie McBroom, Johnny Curran, and the two Davey boys, incarcerated in the lock-up in Vancouver, broke jail on Friday afternoon, but were all caught and brought back during the same evening. The youngest Davey was caught on the railroad track near the foundry soon after the escape, and disclosed a scheme they had liastily arranged of robbing a store in Westminster and then proceeding by boat to Victoria. The other three were found in the woods. They escaped by enlarging a small hole in the jail yard under the enclosing fence and then crawling through. The go ler had only left them for about ten minutes. The flogging these boys recently received has evidently failed in its desired effect, and other means will have to be resorted to if the lads are not to grow hardened criminals.

Singular Accident.

On Thursday evening, while a teamster was taking a load of cordwood along Wallace street, Nanaimo, one of the horses baulked and the wagon came to a stand-still in the middle of the street. In a few minutes a man came tearing along on horseback, and ran full-tilt into the rear of the cordwood wagon. The horse was instantly killed and the rider dashed to the ground. The injured man was picked up and found to be Abraham Richardson of Cranberry district. Upon examination of his injuries by Drs. Praeger and Davies, a severe wound was found in the forehead, causing a depression of the skull. This the doctors wanted to raise but Richardson would not allow them. He had the wound dressed and then went to his home in the district, about 7 miles distant. The doctors say the wound is a severe one and should be properly attended to at once, or else serious results may immediately follow.

A Temperance Lecture.

Col. George Woodford delivered a very interesting lecture last night in the Pandora street Methodist Church. His subject was the relation between labor and the liquor traffic. He showed that strong drink was a heavy tax upon labor, that the workingman paid the liquor seller good money for drink and got nothing, and less than nothing, in return. He commended Grand Master Powderly highly for not permitting any one who is directly or indirectly connected with the liquor traffic to have any connection with the Knights of Labor. He showed that whiskey, as a manufactured commodity, gives less to labor than any other product. He spent much time in showing that it's manufacture gave but little to the farmer and the mechanic in return for what it took from them. His object was to show, from an economical standpoint, that the manufacture and sale of strong drink is the reverse of beneficial to the wage-earner.

The Nicola Mines.

Hon. J. H. Turner, who arrived from Kamloops early yesterday morning, reports mining operations at the Nicola mine as progressing favorably. During the winter several shafts will be sunk and two tunnels of 600 feet each will be bored. The prospects of the mine are very encouraging, the ore taken out being to all appearance very rich.

Week of Prayer for Young Men.

Each year the Young Mens' Christian Association throughout the world observe a week of special prayer and effort in behalf of the young men of the world. This year the time set is November 11 to 17. At the Association this afternoon there will be a union service for men conducted by Rev. J. E. Starr, Rev. John Reid, and Rev. D. Fraser. There will be good singing by a chorus of young men, and a cordial invitation is extended to every man in the city to be present. Every evening this coming week there will be a meeting for young men at 8 o'clock. To-day many of the pastors will preach a special sermon to young men.

From Alaska.

The steamer Ancon, Capt. Carroll, arrived at the outer wharf at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, from the north, *via* Port Townsend. She had on board a large number of Chinamen for Victoria, several steerage passengers, and two Juneau ladies who intend spending the winter here. There is no news of particular importance. The English company who purchased the Bear's Nest mines have an air compressor at work and are driving in a tunnel at the rate of six feet per day. Capt. Carroll and associates receive $1,250,000 for a half interest in these mines, the English company doing all the work of development.

Captain Cox Rewarded.

Captain Cox, of the ship Von Moltke, through the efforts of Col. Stevens, U.S. consul, is to be rewarded by the American government for his humane conduct in saving the crew of the American bark Ella S. Thayer, wrecked off Cape Flattery in 1886. Colonel Stevens has just received a valuable gold watch and chain to be presented to Capt. Cox, which is inscribed as follows:—"From the President of the United States of America to Capt. John G. Cox, of the Canadian ship Von Moltke, for his courageous rescue of the crew of the American bark Ella S. Thayer on the 19th December, 1886."

The Enderby Flour Mills.

So crowded are the Enderby flouring mills at present with orders that fully two months will be required to fill them. The quality of the flour turned out by these mills is of a superior order, so much so that although but a few months in operation the reputation created is a most enviable one. On the Mainland and the Island there is a brisk demand, which is increasing. We understand that there are several thousand tons of wheat in the interior which will be ground into flour at Enderby, thus securing a home market for the farmers in that section of the country. The establishment of such a mill is a great advantage to the Spallumcheen district farmers, as well as the people of the whole province.—*Vancouver World.*

Another Attempted Robbery at Westminster

The *Columbian* reports another attempted highway robbery at Westminster on Thursday evening, which shows the thieves are still at work in the Royal City. About midnight, while Mr. W. H. Keary was passing the Crescent, home-ward bound, he was startled by the appearance of two men who sprang out of the bushes in front of him. Drawing a revolver, Mr. Keary threatened to shoot if the men attempted to approach him. The men halted, when Keary retreated, still keeping the would-be robbers covered with the pistol. When near Capt. Insley's house, he called for assistance, and the foot-pads decamped. In answer to his call, Mr. R. Kennedy arrived, and aided Mr. Keary in a search for the robbers, but they had vanished. The *Columbian* says there is some talk of organizing a vigilance committee to patrol the city during night time.

Flitted.

R. H. Gardiner & Co., who have for the past four months been doing a rushing business in Victoria under the name and style of the Great Eastern Photograph Company, have folded their tents like the Arabs, and as silently stolen away, leaving a number of creditors to lament their absence. Mr. Seeley, proprietor of the Australian Hotel, is one of the principal mourners, his bill amounting to about $30. Several of the employees are also left with their wages accounts unpaid, one of them, Mr. W. B. Agnew, losing $70. A large quantity of finished photos which had been paid for await their owners at the Australian Hotel. Gardiner is now in Tacoma, and the sheriff has taken charge of the small portion of his goods and chattels left behind, for the benefit of the creditors. The sharpers are said to have victimized a large number in both Nanaimo and Wellington in the same manner as they have the citizens of Victoria.

A Disorderly Passenger.

Among the passengers on the steamer Yosemite from Vancouver on Friday night was an American named Bronson who came on board accompanied by his wife and two children. The man soon made himself conspicuous by his profanity and brutal treatment of his wife and family. He had evidently been drinking heavily and was not at all careful in either his speech or conduct. At the dinner table the trouble reached a climax. The disorderly passenger insisted on taking the seat reserved for the first engineer, and on that gentleman claiming it he was assaulted by the usurper, who was finally overpowered, put down in the hold and secured to prevent him doing further damage. Seeing her worse-half thus imprisoned, Mrs. Bronson indulged in hysterics and the scene for a short time was highly sensational. On the arrival of the Yosemite at Victoria a policeman was telephoned for, but the woman and children finally prevailed upon the officers to liberate the prisoner and he was allowed to depart.

Jacobson--McLean.

At the First Presbyterian church last evening was celebrated the marriage of Capt. Victor Jacobson, one of the most successful sealing schooner owners, and Miss Minnie McLean, eldest daughter of Mr. John McLean, of this city. The bride looked very pretty and was attired in a lovely dress of steel gray satin, veil and orange blossoms, and was attended by Miss M. Sims, who wore a dress of pink satin. The groom was ably supported by Capt. McKiel. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Donald Fraser, M. A., in the presence of a large assemblage, the father giving the bride away. The wedding party proceeded to the residence of the bride's parents at the conclusion of the service, where a sumptuous wedding supper was partaken of. The bride was the recipient of a large number of presents from her numerous friends, many of them of a costly and elegant character. Capt. Jacobson has been well and favorably known in Victoria for several years and has prospered in his calling. Both he and his charming bride are deserving of every good luck, and have the sincere wishes of a host of friends for prosperity and happiness during their wedded life.

PERSONAL.

Capt. Carroll, of the Ancon, is at the Driard.

Mrs. E. M. Corning of Juneau, Alaska, is at the Driard.

Several American citizens have new hats. Their man got in.

Capt. Meyer and West Huson left for the north yesterday.

Mrs. H. McKay and Miss Bell of Brockville, Ont., are at the Clarence.

Joseph Moore has returned from a two weeks' visit at Nanaimo and Comox.

Wm. Dalby, manager of the Belmont Shoe Co., is in Toronto, much improved in health.

Geo. F. Keefer, C.E., and F. C. Gamble, C.E., arrived down on the Yosemite last evening.

Thomas Trounce, John Richards of the Hudson's Bay Co. and Angus McAllister left yesterday for California.

Wm. F. Anderson of Snow-shoe creek, Cariboo, is in town and will shortly leave on a trip to the east.

Wm. McNeil, special constable, was a passenger on the steamer Queen of the Pacific for San Francisco yesterday.

Capt. Carroll, of the Ancon, generally falls on his feet. He won $8,300 out of the presidential campaign.

C. G. Ballentyne, Wm. Gordon, Gus. Leiser and E. Cook arrived down from Vancouver on the Yosemite.

It is surprising how many knew that Harrison was going to be elected, and it is also remarkable that a Cleveland man cannot be found.

A New York despatch says Mrs. Jay Gould is dying. There is absolutely no hope, and it is extremely doubtful if she will live until Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Milne are again occupying their residence on Douglas street. The former was away three months and the latter six, during which time they visited the principal cities in the eastern states and Ontario and Quebec.

A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, E. Copeland and A. B. Kinnan, of the C., St. P. & Kansas City railway, Portland, and G. G. Chandler, agent of the N. P., Tacoma, who have been spending a couple of days in Victoria, left for Vancouver this morning.

CITY POLICE COURT.

Robert Irving was yesterday brought before the police magistrate on remand from the 7th inst., charged with committing an aggravated assault upon his wife. Mrs. Irving still lies in a very dangerous condition, the injuries which she received at the hands of her brutal husband having proved more serious than at first anticipated.

Chief Sheppard spoke of the prisoner, who pleaded guilty to the charge, as a perfect brute, and Mr. Walker, who appeared for the defence, intimated that if the prisoner was discharged he would leave the country at once.

His honor, however, could see no justice in such a proceeding, and sentenced Irving to six months' imprisonment in the common jail at hard labor.

Ira Bumster was charged with being an inmate of a house of ill-fame, and the case was remanded until Tuesday next. The prisoner was admitted to bail in the sum of $100.

MARINE.

Steamer Queen of the Pacific left for San Francisco yesterday afternoon.

The steamer Rainbow will leave at 7 o'clock instead of 10 on Monday morning.

The Pilot will tow down the bark Altcar, lumber laden from Moodyville for Melbourne.

Steamship Costa Rica, completed loading Vancouver Co.'s coal last evening and sailed for San Francisco.

Ship Valley Forge, with 1850 tons of Vancouver Co.'s coal, was towed to sea by the Alexander on Friday evening.

Bark Amelia finished loading Vancouver Co.'s coal yesterday, and will probably be towed to sea on Monday.

The Alexander returned from the Cape last evening, having towed the ship Valley Forge to sea, coal laden for San Francisco.

The steamer Lottie has gone to the assistance of the steamer Maude, now on the rocks at Irving's Reef. The accident to the Maude appears to be of far greater magnitude than it was at first thought to be.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

A WRESTLING CHALLENGE.

TO THE EDITOR:—I hereby challenge J. Smith, of Nanaimo, who defeated me in a wrestling contest on Saturday of last week in Nanaimo. I was in no condition to wrestle, as I only had three days to train for the match, but as it was, had I been squarely defeated I would have said nothing. The referee, who had money wagered on the match (that I found out after) gave a very unfair decision. Now I will wrestle Mr. Smith for from two hundred and fifty to five hundred dollars aside, Graeco-Roman style, best two falls out of three, to a finish. Will wrestle in Victoria or any other town outside of Nanaimo any time between the 20th and 25th of November, and to prove that I mean business, I have deposited a forfeit of fifty dollars with THE COLONIST, and if Mr. Smith thinks he is the better man, let him cover my forfeit and sign articles.

D. H. CAMERON.

FOOTBALL.

The return match against the "Nanaimo Rovers" will be played at Nanaimo. The E. & N. railway will run a special return train from Nanaimo at 4:30 p.m., which will enable all who wish to see a good match to be present. The following will probably compose the team: B. H. T. Drake, J. Musgrave, W. Fisher, G. H. Barnard, H. J. Martin, Kennedy, L. Crease, W. H. Langley, T. Hibben, J. Earsman, Allison, F. B. Pemberton, W. B. Smallfield, Kenning, F. Robson.

The Victoria football club have selected a strong team to go to Nanaimo on Thanksgiving Day. The boys are practicing hard and are confident of victory.

The Victoria Athletic Club have decided to give their athletic tournament in Philharmonic Hall.

NOTES.

The Excelsiors of Duncan play the Cowichan Kickers at Cowichan on Saturday afternoon.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Very little credence is attached by baseball people to a despatch from Pittsburg, to the effect that the Washington baseball club and franchise are in the market, and will be disposed of to the highest bidder. It has been announced more than once that the club can be bought, but it is generally understood that the purchase made would be by local capitalists, or at least with the understanding that Washington should remain in the league. It is not improbable changes may occur which may alter the present situation by including some additional capitalists in the management, but no fears are entertained that Washington will not be in the league another season. It is well known that the club has not made money in baseball, but it is equally as well known that it has made money prospectively in real estate. The option of purchasing the present grounds will eventually enable the club to come out ahead some $40,000 or $50,000, while if the franchise and players should be put on the market the loss would be about $30,000.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Too Much Chinaman.

An express wagon, carrying a heavy load of Chinamen and their truck, broke an axle while going down the approach to the C. P. N. Co.'s dock last evening. No one was injured.

The Smallpox in Portland.

Two new cases of smallpox were reported in Portland on Saturday last. On Friday night Mrs. H. Wray and Miss Caspari died from the disease. Several cases have also appeared in East Portland. The authorities are doing all in their power to stamp out the disease.

The Proposed Railway.

H. P. Bell, C. E., who has charge of the location of the Victoria, Saanich and Westminster railway, is obliged to go to Ottawa to be present as a witness in the C.P.R. arbitration case. C. E. Perry, C. E., who has been on the Seattle road during the year, will take charge of the survey during Mr. Bell's absence.

The Late Archbishop Seghers.

A telegram was received by Bishop Lemmens on Sunday evening from Capt. Emory, of the Thetis, now at Departure Bay, stating that the vessel will arrive at Esquimalt on Thursday with the remains of the late archbishop. Rev. Father Van Nevel went up to Departure Bay yesterday to ascertain the condition of the body. The funeral will probably take place on Wednesday or Thursday week.

Death of Mr. Samuel Bednall.

Mr. Richard Hall received a letter from England yesterday which contained intelligence of the death in Derbyshire of Samuel Bednall, a former resident of this province and owner of a large farm in Cowichan. About two years ago the deceased disposed of his farm and left for England, where he has since resided until his death, which occurred on the 16th ult. He was aged 59 years and was well and favorably known in this city and the districts.

The Steamer Maude.

Yesterday afternoon the steamer Maude, which has been on the rocks for several days, got off safely and is now beached at Twin Island about six miles above Plumper's Pass. The water in her will be pumped out at once, when the full extent of the damage will be arrived at. It is expected that the Maude can be floated to the dock in a day or two and her damages repaired. The steamer Sardonyx is still at the scene with a couple of schooners. Capt. Jno. Irving came home on the Louise last evening.

The Missing Man Found.

John M. Lawrie, who left his home in Birtle, Man., several days ago, while suffering from temporary insanity, gave himself up to the police on Sunday afternoon. The amount of money that he had upon him, about eight hundred dollars, had been disposed of, and his friend Farestine, who proved devoted only as long as the money lasted, had left for Seattle, where he intends opening a shop. Mr. Lawrie was still suffering from mental disorder, and was well cared for by Supt. Sheppard, who at once wired his friends of his safety. They are expected to arrive today to take him home.

Reported Death by Poisoning.

A rumor was in circulation on the streets yesterday afternoon that Mr. John Gilmore, a well known rancher of Nicola valley, had died very suddenly on Saturday last, the peculiar circumstances connected with his death leading to the belief that it was caused by poisoning. The news was brought from New Westminster by a passenger on the Yosemite and a friend of Mr. Gilmore's, who states that a telegram containing the bare facts above narrated was received at New Westminster on Saturday. Mr. Gilmore has many friends but no relatives in this city. A telegram was sent last night by his friends asking for full particulars, but as yet no reply has been received.

Successful Hunters.

Lieut.-Col. Holmes, Capt. Snowden and Mr. Bridgman returned on Friday evening last from a three weeks' hunting trip into the Bighorn Mountains of the Similkameen. They came to the railway *via* the Hope trail, the snow on the summit being five feet in depth. On the way out a can dropped from the pack of one of the animals, and startled the others. Three of them rolled over the bluff along which they were passing, killing one. The party were very successful in their search for big game, bringing down ten heads of the bighorn. A complete skin and head of a female bighorn was secured by Capt. Snowden and presented to the provincial museum. Mule-tailed deer and smaller game was found in abundance. The party return quite satisfied with the result of their trip.

The Walla Walla.

As announced by telegram to THE COLONIST, the steamship Walla Walla will supersede the Queen of the Pacific on the Victoria route, leaving San Francisco on Friday next on her first trip. In the opinion of those who have seen the vessel, she will not only be one of the staunchest crafts on the coast, but also among the most handsomely fitted. She is finished on the general plan of the Umatilla, but in detail will be far more comfortable and perfect. Especial effort has been directed to make the steerage quarters as roomy and well ventilated as possible. The cabins, saloon and dining room will be in about the same position as those on the Umatilla, but will be more luxuriantly fitted. Capt. Blackburn, well and favorably known as the former master of the Wilmington, and later of the Willamette, is mentioned as being the commander of the Walla Walla.

A Noted Artist.

Mr. J. E. Stuart, who is famous in the east for his interpretations on canvas of the scenery of the Pacific coast, and more particularly the grand beauty of Yellowstone Park, arrived from the Sound last evening and left for Vancouver this morning. Mr. Stuart will take a trip over the C. P. R. line, and if the season is not too far advanced, will paint some sketches of the scenery through the Rocky Mountains. In all probability he will return next summer and make an extended stay in the mountains. There is no artist who has so far endeavored to transfer to canvas the mountain scenery of the C. P. R. better qualified for the task than is Mr. Stuart. His whole life has been spent amid the wild grandeur of the Pacific States, and he has made that class of work his special study. Great things may, therefore, be expected from his brush.

POLICE COURT.

(Before Judge Richards.

Joe Phœnix and William Lang were arraigned before his honor Judge Richards yesterday morning, charged with being insane. As both appeared to be in possession of their faculties they were allowed to go.

Francis, a Cowichan Indian, remarkable only for the general falling-to-pieces appearance of his attire and the tragic expression of his face, was asked if he was guilty of having been drunk in violation of the laws of the land. He had, and the decree went forth that he immediately pay a fine of $5.

Sadie Davis was charged with being drunk and creating a disturbance. Sadie had recovered from the effects of her tear and stood before the bench with her eyes cast demurely down. "Come up here," said his honor; "you are charged with being drunk. Have you anything to say! Are you guilty!"

"Yes, sir," and another $5 changed owners.

Mary Irwin was the next to appear. She had assisted the last prisoner in decorating the town, and was fined the usual $5 for her share of the fun.

A Rock Bay bridge case was next on the docket. The defendant urged as his excuse for trotting over the bridge that his horse had not been out of the stable for three weeks, and he couldn't hold him in. He acknowledged that it was his second offence, but he couldn't help it. Fined $10.

"Ten dollars, eh?" remarked the guilty one, "I'll own that bridge by and bye," and he walked out of the courtroom with a happy smile creeping over his face.

A little boy, fourteen years of age, whose name is withheld for the sake of his sorely tried parents, was charged with stealing ten handkerchiefs from the shop of Frank Sofrecoela. The little fellow felt the disgrace of his position and burst into tears as the magistrate asked his age.

"Fourteen, sir!" (with a sob.)

The superintendent explained that the boy had never been up before. He had been led into bad ways by running about the streets at night. He thought if the plaintiff would keep boys out of his shop instead of coaxing them in, he would not have to complain of their conduct.

"Well," said his honor, "What do you think I'd better do? Shall I let him go?"

The superintendent advised that the boy be given an opportunity to reform, and the magistrate, after giving the youthful prisoner a little kind, fatherly advice, discharged him.

Six able seamen, who were the only occupants of the dock remaining, were charged with deserting from the British bark Kaisow. Mr. C. D. Mason appeared for them and asked for a remand. Mr. Mills, who represented Capt. Davies, offered no objection. He stated that the prosecution would pay for the men's board while they remained in jail and would deduct it from their wages when built in the last two years at a cost of less than $10,000. The bridge across the Kootenay river at Fort Steele has been accepted by the government, and is said to be a first-class structure.

Mr. Reed, the C. P. R. man who recently passed through Donald, on the way to Toad Mountain to look over the Ainsworth charter ground, is on his way back to Montreal, going out by the way of Fort Steel and Crow Nest pass. He is reported to have said that the Ainsworth road would be built next summer by the C. P. R.; in fact, that company would have to build it to secure the trade of the Toad Mountain country—a pretty good indication that there are mines in that section.

Everyone in Donald remembers Mr. Evans, the jolly old gentleman who accompanied Chief Justice Begbie at the last term of the assize court; and it also seems Mr. Evans remembers some of the young ladies whom he met, as last week one of them received a box of fine apples from him. They are of the Constantine and Glory varieties, 15 of them weighing 22 ounces each, and were grown in Mr. Evans's orchard at Victoria. An impression prevails that Pacific coast apples are not as fine flavored as those grown in Ontario and York state, but these were fully equal in flavor to fruit of the same varieties grown in the east.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

The Endicott Family Opposed to the Marriage of Their Daughter with Chamberlain—Miss West Snubs Mrs. Cleveland in a Dry Goods Store.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The *Evening Post* says that one reason given for the reticence observed by the Endicott family in regard to the engagement and marriage of their daughter to Joseph Chamberlain, is that the secretary of war and his wife have from the start been opposed to it on account of the great difference in age.

The *Evening Post* prints the following: One day last week Miss West, daughter of the late English minister, was in a store on the avenue, and with her was a well known member of the Italian legation. While they were talking over a purchase, Mrs. Cleveland's carriage drove up to the store and she came in. She spoke to the gentleman, and for a moment talked with him. She then stepped toward Miss West and extended her hand in greeting; but the young lady would have none of it. She had not quite forgotten how Mrs. Cleveland's husband had snubbed her father, and with haughty grace she folded her hands in front of her and turned her back on the President's wife. It was embarrassing, very embarrassing—not only to the two parties, but also to the gentleman, and Mrs. Cleveland relieved it by transacting her business and walking out of the store without the usual parting salutations.

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