

THE CITY.

THURSDAY lodge of Juvenile Templars plunked at Colman's on Tuesday last. The Young America has conveyed them all to the lake where a very pleasant day was passed. A very nice lunch was supplied during the day, Bro. Hughes presiding over the affair.

A rumor having become current that the I.O.O.F. excursion to Seattle has been postponed, the COLONIST is requested to announce that this is not the case, but that the excursion will positively come off on the 12th inst., as already intimated. See past Sunday's COLONIST for advertisement.

The announcement is made that a grand promenade concert will be provided at the Market hall on Saturday evening of this week, by the combined bands of "C" Battery and H.M.S. Royal Arthur. The concert will be under the patronage of the admiral, the commodore, the captain of the battery, and the officers of the navy and battery.

The Congregational garden party given at the home of Mrs. and Mr. Taylor, on Leighton road last evening, by the ladies of the Equilateral Baptist church, was well enjoyed by all who attended, and the gathering was large. It would have been the largest, however, had the general public been informed in the matter of local geography.

A combined meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary and Church committees of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the society's rooms last evening, when arrangements for the billiard of delegates to the convention were made. The reports of the special committees who have charge of the preparations for the convention were read during the evening and were favorably received.

It is not at all likely that Mayor Beaven will call the public meeting to discuss the proposition of the Equilateral Waterworks lodge No. 1, O.C.T., the following officers were installed by Lodge Deputy Bro. L. Hall: C.T., Bro. Bassett; V.T., Bro. Russell; S.J.T., Bro. Swan; Secretary, Bro. Brown; Treasurer, Bro. McDonald; Sec., Bro. Waite; Marshal, Bro. Hill; Dep. Mar., Bro. Bruce; Guard, Bro. Mitchell; Sentinel, Bro. Lukov. General business was gone through with, and final arrangements made for the union picnic at Chemainus to-day (August 3).

The following donations to the Old Folks' Home during July and August are acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. R. H. Brown, preserves; Mrs. T. Shott, vegetables; members of the I. O. G. T. fruit; Mrs. F. W. Foster, cake, clothing and papers; R. E. Knapp, milk; Mrs. J. C. Smith, clothing; Army, papers; J. H. Todd, clothing; Mrs. Tugwell, sandwiches; Mrs. Crawford, straw berries; Mrs. Lewis, preserves; Mrs. D. E. Hart, papers and clothing; Mrs. Funn, clothing; Mrs. G. Winter, paper; James Baker, papers; Mr. Braden, salmon.

"BIBLE Study, Why and How," is the subject on which Charles F. Kent will lecture to-morrow evening. His lecture will be given under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, and will, no doubt, be ably handled, as the lecturer is a man of considerable ability, being a graduate of the Theological department of the Chicago University. Mr. Kent is an authority on Biblical matters, having spent many years in study in the Holy Land. Those who are desirous of hearing him speak can do so free of cost, and their time spent in so doing will no doubt well repay them. Mr. Kent is at present on vacation from lecturing.

FULLY a hundred ladies and gentlemen enjoyed themselves very thoroughly at the moonlight outing given last evening by the association of No. 2 company, B.C.E.A. At McIntosh's house the party boarded launch and proceeded up the river to the Victoria Gardens, which were prettily illuminated for the occasion. Then came instrumental and vocal music, with some really remarkable talent shown in the singing line, and after refreshments were served, the party returned home in the early morning hours perfectly delighted with the excellent manner in which their hosts had conducted the entertainment. A fine orchestra was present, and played a number of fine selections during the evening. The officers and members of the other batteries were among the guests.

If one may judge from present indications the exhibition, to be held next week under the management of the B. C. Agricultural Association, will be the most important and best attended that has ever taken place. The Superintendent has already received a large number of applications for space, and so far has also been able to accommodate all of them. There is still some room available, which may be had on application. The exhibition will be an especially good one in respect of manufactures, minerals and fine arts, while the other departments are not by any means neglected. With the fine weather, which is almost a certainty, there should be a daily attendance far in excess of anything known in the Province so far, more particularly as the railway and steamboat lines have made such excellent arrangements for the accommodation of those who wish to come from Nanaimo, the mainland, and interior points. The music hall exhibition building, brilliantly lighted with the electric apparatus, right on the ground, will be a delightful place for the promenade concerts. The directors and officers who have in hand the management of the enterprise are very desirous of seeing the first summer show a great success, and are putting forth their utmost efforts in this direction. If the experiment proves that a summer fair is more advantageous than one in the fall it will no doubt become an annual event.

SUDDEN DEATH.
One of the First Females to Visit the Interior of the Province.

A severe affliction befell the family of Mr. Michael McCarthy of Lao la Hache on Wednesday, July 26, when death called away a beloved wife and mother at the early age of forty years. The deceased was in perfect health up to within a few hours of her death, and leaves a husband and nine children to mourn her loss. She was the daughter of an old pioneer, Mrs. H. Folker, one of the first of her sex to penetrate the interior of British Columbia. Whether as maiden, wife or mother she won golden opinions from all with whom she was brought in contact, and her death occasioned great sorrow to each and every one of her many friends. The funeral was held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The pall-bearers were Messrs J. Murphy, J. Crozier, W.

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Tug Hope took a saw load of lumber out to Williams' Head yesterday.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Bush Fire in Stanley Park—Reed Island Outlaws Unavailable Record.

Samson of Gold Trap Fame Still at Large—Inquest at Nanaimo.
(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER, Aug. 2.—Mr. Costello, C. P.R. operator, has removed to St. Paul to permanently locate. He has been "on the Victoria wire" for seven years, here and at the Capital, and was a very efficient and popular knight of the order.

Stanley park was on fire yesterday. No. 2 engine partly quenched the flames, but there is still danger. Ten cords of cut straw, through which it passed, were secured at several stages, but when bedrock was reached a fair sample of gold was found. By boring in several other places the fact that gold was on bedrock was fully established. This encouraged the company to sink and tunnel. The latter work was carried on above the day so as to drain the surface water. Over two thousand feet have been run and timbered, and but three hundred feet more are required to connect the drain with the shaft. When this is accomplished the shaft will be sunk 210 feet more to reach bedrock.

A golden harvest is then confidently expected. There is good reason for this belief, for the last set of timbers worked at the head of Slough Creek yielded \$250, and several creeks which have paid rich runs into it, and mining is still successfully carried on on the benches along its course. As work will be carried on during the winter it is believed that the bedrock will be reached and gold taken out before the spring of 1894. It is to be hoped that great success will crown the pluck and energy of Mr. Ramos, for the output of gold from this enterprise would be the means of starting a dozen more, and thus begin an era of mining that would soon bring Cariboo back to its former prestige as a gold producing district.

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