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More Light.

The National Electric Tramway & Lighting Co. announce that they are now prepared to make contracts for the lighting of public buildings, stores, warehouses, wharves, dwellings, etc. An efficient, reliable and cheap illuminant is promised.

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The body of the late Col. Carleton is to be taken East for interment. The remains will be conveyed to the steamer on Sunday afternoon en route for New England after the celebration of religious services at the residence of Mr. George A. Carleton.

Kuper Island Indian School.

There are sixteen Indian boys undergoing training at the Dominion Industrial School on Kuper Island, which is being conducted by Rev. Father Duncan, with Mr. D. P. Donohue as trade instructor. A brass band of fourteen pieces has been formed among the scholars, and in every way the popularity of the institution is increasing.

One of the Lacrosse Boys.

William Sprinkling, the well-known inside home of the Victoria lacrosse team, was on Wednesday evening united in marriage to Miss Maggie Shade, also of this city, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. White. The "Bachelor Brigade" will miss the groom, but both he and his bride have the hearty best wishes of all who know them.

A Verdict of Suicide.

Dr. Morrison, coroner, yesterday afternoon, empanelled a jury of six to inquire into the cause of the death of the Indian Jim, who shot himself on the reserve at noon, Wednesday. The evidence of Dominion Officer Lewis, C. J. Miller and others was received, and a verdict was returned of suicide during temporary insanity, induced by excessive drinking.

Registering Their Citizenship.

U. S. Consul Myers and his assistant are busy as they can be registering the names of resident citizens of the adjoining Republic who seem to have made up their mind to safeguard, in this way, as far as that is possible, every interest or claim they may have upon the American government. The magnitude and spontaneity of this movement is a point that, doubtless, possesses considerable significance.

Victoria Flour Mill.

Owing to unavoidable delays in placing the new machinery, the Victoria Roller Flour Mills will not commence practical operations until about November 1st. They have now in the storeroom 750 tons of wheat, the greater part provincial grown, which is of decidedly better quality than that imported from the other side of the line. The new mills have a guaranteed capacity of 200 barrels per diem, but will, probably, exceed that output by 50 or 100 barrels.

In the Police Court.

There was nothing but routine business in the police court yesterday morning. Geo. Redford was again fined $5 on the standing charge, drunk and disorderly. One case of sewerage connection was discussed and remanded, and a number of teamsters were compelled to pay $2 costs for neglecting to register their vehicles within the time provided by law. The case of W. P. Allen came up, and was again adjourned for one week, when it is confidently believed that it will be finally disposed of.

In this City.

Several weeks ago a dispatch from Seattle went the rounds of the Sound and provincial papers, describing how a Sound hoodlum attempted to sell a young white girl for $50 to a Tacoma bawdy-house keeper. The man was jailed, but succeeded in escaping, and, with the girl, disappeared for the time. Both have been seen in this city during the past few days, and are said to be living together in a house of ill-fame. The girl appears to be young and innocent, but, in reality, is as deeply steeped in sin as any of her unfortunate class.

More Sealskins for London.

In Schwabacher Bros. Co.'s warehouse, Seattle, are 87 barrels, which, with their contents, are valued at $31,000. The shipment is a lot of 2,415 sealskins which R. Petkovits has purchased, this season, the largest lot ever bought at Seattle. Nearly all were brought in by the Allie I. Algar, and Mr. Petkovits consigned them to a dyer in London. The skins go by way of steamer to Vancouver, thence by the Canadian Pacific east and pass through New York. Part of the lot will be sold in London and the remainder dyed and returned to Mr. Petkovits.

A Would-be Suicide.

On Wednesday night, between ten and eleven o'clock, just at the railroad bridge was being thrown open, a Klootchman came along in full undress. She had evidently taken too much tanglefoot, and declared in her native tongue and also in Chinook, that she proposed to jump into the water and drown herself. The watchman at once sprang forward and seized her. He held her until some of her people came along, to whose custody he committed her. They must have been having a big time on the reserve Wednesday night—one successful suicide and one attempt. Where did they get the whiskey?

The Sunday Question.

This was the subject chosen by Mr. J. Remsberg for a lecture to a fairly large audience at The Victoria, last evening. The speaker argued against the maintenance of the Sunday as a religious institution, while admitting its necessity as a day of rest, recreation and enjoyment. He urged that the state should make the Sunday a public holiday, and that it should be chiefly employed in the enjoyment of the beauties of nature and in the development of intellectual health and vigor. Mr. Remsberg speaks again this evening at Harmony hall, his subject being "False Claims."

What was the Matter?

Last night at 10:30 o'clock, John Wood was arrested by Officer McDonald for being drunk on Government street. At 10:25, Officer Walker roped in Matthew Sullivan, whom he found on Fisgard street lying with various cuts and bruises; at 11:50, Officers Hawton and McDonald got hold of one William McNulty, who was also cut and wounded, with stabs about the face and temples. From information which has been received there is reason to believe that these three men quarrelled, and a fight with knives was the result. What the proof will develop is not yet known.

A Lengthy List.

The following composed the passenger list of the Walla Walla from this port for San Francisco yesterday:—Joseph Hunter, wife and child, James Howetson, Miss R. Howetson, Mrs. Goodwin, G. Gerow, C. B. Brown, Mrs. Wilson, Miss E. L. Spring, Mrs. Wright, Miss Riley, Mrs. E. A. Stoddard, Miss Ferguson, Miss E. B. Ferguson, Mrs. McAfee, Miss Donahue, S. Y. S. Woodland, Mrs. Woodland, A. Lucas, Col. Hixson, C. E. Hall, T. W. Miller and wife, J. W. Anderson, J. E. Thompson, Chas. Rounds, Chas. Parr, Miss A. Parr, Miss Mary Parr, C. A. Foster and wife. The cargo from Victoria comprised 100 sacks of rice, 223 bales of salted hides, and 45 empty beer kegs.

The Chignecto Ship Railway.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Solicitor-General of New Brunswick, who spent yesterday in Victoria, thinks the Chignecto ship railway, when finished, will be of much benefit to the maritime provinces. It will largely increase the trade between the lower provinces and Western Canada by giving a more direct route to the sea, and will be the means of increasing trade between Prince Edward Island and the north shore of New Brunswick and Boston. Besides, St. John will benefit by its position on the all-through route. It is expected the work will be completed by the autumn of 1891. The length is 18 miles, with a dock and basin each side capable of holding at once six or seven vessels, and vessels of 1,400 tons will be moved across. The entire cost of the work will be in the neighborhood of $5,000,000.

An Old Acquaintance.

Captain Sir William Wiseman, Bart., who was on this station a few years ago in H.M.S. Caroline, is now the captain of H. M.S. Immortalite, a first-class armored cruiser belonging to the Channel squadron. The Immortalite is 5,900 tons, and has engines of 8,900 horse-power, driving twin screws, capable of giving the vessel a speed of eighteen knots. She is 300ft. long by 56ft. beam. She carries two 9in. guns on barbettes, one at each end of the central deck; ten 6in. rifled breech-loading guns, fourteen quick-firing and four machine guns. She was built in 1889 at Chatham, and engined by Messrs. Earle, at a cost of £221,500 for the hull, and an estimated cost of £57,000 for the machinery.

Shocking.

While the portable engine used for operating the steam drills was being moved from Yates street to the site of the Canada Western hotel, on Wednesday afternoon, the driver, an employe of Contractor Hagerty, named Olsen, met with an unusual and somewhat peculiar experience. At the corner of Fort street he attempted to cross the street car track, and the smokestack of the engine became entangled with the overhead wire. The wheel at the same time touched the rail, a connection being formed which knocked the driver from his seat. He got up, uninjured, and attempted to lift the wire with a piece of board, and in so doing touched the tire of the wheel with his foot, receiving a second shock, even more severe than the first. Neither did the recipient the slightest harm, and he considered the matter a joke in the line of securing a first-class shock without any expenditure of coin for a lottery.

All a Mistake.

The Winnipeg Commercial draws attention to a paragraph which has been going the rounds, that there are no flour mills in British Columbia. "This," it says, "is a mistake, there being a roller flour mill at Enderby, south of Sicamous station, on the line of the C.P.R., which has been in existence for several years, and is now controlled by R. P. Rithet, of Victoria. The mill has a capacity of 100 barrels per day and does a good trade. Flour is shipped to the coast markets. Wheat equal to the Manitoba article can be grown in the district, as the mill is located in the dry interior climate. Manitoba hard wheat has been brought in for seed. A mill was established at Nicola, about a year ago, and another fine roller mill, with a capacity of 200 barrels per day, has been established this year by Hall, Ross & Co., at Victoria. There are also three or four old style stone mills, including one at Saanich, near Victoria, owned by Brackman & Ker, in connection with which there is an oatmeal mill; one at Chilliwhack and one at Quesnel."

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His Property Recovered.

On the 26th September, Mr. H. Harden Simpson, of Quamichan, reported to the provincial police that a small photographic camera, a sketching outfit and a portfolio of sketches had been stolen from his boat near James Bay bridge. Yesterday the missing articles were recovered, and are now awaiting the owner at Sergt. Langley's office. They were found on Humboldt street, the locks cut out, puzzle both to land agents, as well as visitors. The land agent was wont to shake his head and say, for the last twenty years there has been no move either in the price of land in that quarter or in the possibility of its sale, at any realizable profit. A place so beautiful by nature, and with such a splendid harbor, as well as the chief naval station of H. M. fleet in the Pacific, cannot long remain in oblivion. The change doubtless has and will come with the opening of the new tramway. Already there are signs all along the road of the new line now running. Amongst other things, the church people are having a bazaar in aid of the new rectory fund. A residence for the rector alongside the neat little church at Esquimalt has long been wanting, and now that an opportunity has been afforded for raising funds for this purpose at the bazaar, to be held from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m. on Saturday, a good attendance of our charitable public will secure half the needed sum. It is understood a free pass has been granted by the tramway to visitors to the bazaar, and the entrance is 25 cents.

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Secretary of State for Columbia.

Postal cards have been received in this city notifying members that a meeting of the Convocation of the University of British Columbia, will be held in the Court House at Vancouver, on Wednesday next, the 22nd inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Steamer Dominion.

The Dominion steamer Sir James Douglas is expected back from Yellow Island, Baynes Sound, to-day. She has been fixing the new light there. The steamer has orders to go to Bonilla Point and Cape Beale, next week with stores and the new lantern for Carmanah Point light.

A Port of Entry.

The following brief but very satisfactory telegram to those interested in Port Angeles was received yesterday. It explains itself:—

To Bourchier, Croft and Mallette, Victoria.

"Port of entry established yesterday. All ready for business now.

(Signed) LEWIS LEY."

Suit for Divorce.

Mrs. Jennie W. Macer of Seattle is suing her husband in the courts there for a divorce. In her complaint she says that she was married to Jacob Mahrer in Victoria in July, 1886, and that they have one child, a daughter 3 years old, named Julia, as issue of the marriage. She says that her husband has on more than one occasion cruelly beat, choked and otherwise greatly abused her, and that she was compelled to leave him.

Victoria Union No. 142.

The Journeymen Tailors of Victoria have received a charter from the Journeymen Tailors' Executive Union of America, entitling them to the name of Victoria Union, No. 142. The new labor organization commences work under the most favorable auspices.

Pythian Sisters.

Last evening the Knights of Far West Lodge No. 1, K. of P., decided to make an effort to organize a lodge of Pythian Sisters in Victoria, and to keep up with the times, as this order is becoming very strong throughout the States. To be eligible for membership it is necessary to be the wife, sister or daughter of a Knight.

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