Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 1889.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, Feb. 2.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hugh Cameron will take place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of her son, Mr. Alex. Cameron, Beacon Hill.

Bound for Victoria.

The steamer Umatilla left San Francisco for Victoria yesterday with the following passengers: A. Hansen and wife, J. Davis, J. Smith, W. H. Castile, W. H. Stevens and wife and Miss C. Douglas.

Petition for a Recording Officer.

A petition, praying to have Texada Island placed in the Nanaimo district for the purpose of recording mineral claims is being circulated and signed in Nanaimo and on the island. It will be forwarded to the members of the district for presentation in a few days.

New Mining Company.

A joint stock mining company has been formed at Nanaimo embracing a number of gold mines in Texada, and is composed of Messrs. J. E. Jenkins, Richard Prowse, C. R. Miller, Alex. Eason, George Tippett and Wm. Fee. Messrs. C. R. Miller, J. E. Jenkins, and Richard Prowse are the directors of the company.

Monthly Coal Shipments.

The foreign coal shipments for the month of January from the different mines were as follows: Vancouver Coal Company 31,285 tons, Wellington mines 10,400 tons, East Wellington 2,180 tons, making a total foreign shipment for the month of 43,865 tons. Iron ore from Texada iron mines 1,000 tons.

Inland Revenue Collections.

The following are the receipts at Inland Revenue Division No. 37, Victoria, for the month of January, 1889:

Licenses	$ 10 00
Tobacco	308 00
Cigars	1117 50
Spirits	5022 71
Malt	678 49
Total	7136 70

Inspecting the New Law Courts.

The new law courts were illuminated throughout for the first time last evening with both gas and electric light, and very many visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the various courtrooms and court and departmental offices.

Beacon Hill Park.

The sales yesterday by Messrs. Lowenberg, Harris & Co. of residential lots facing on Beacon Hill and Macaulay street (part of the well known Berkley Farm), amounted to over eleven thousand dollars. As their advertisement offering these lots for sale only appeared yesterday morning, the result shows not only the demand which exists for that class of property, but also the value of THE COLONIST as an advertising medium.

Careless Use of Poison.

It is reported that poison is plentifully scattered along the road in Highland District, between Stewart's and Scafe's. Mr. Scafe has lost two fine dogs and a valuable thoroughbred brood sow, owing to the animals picking up some of this poison. The owner of the animals thus ruthlessly destroyed is much incensed, and threatens to have suspected parties arrested and prosecuted, if subjected to any further loss of the above nature.

Another New Block.

The work of tearing down the old Victoria House, corner of Pandora and Douglas Streets, owned by Mrs. Edward Woods, was commenced yesterday, it being the intention of Messrs. Rowbotham & Co., who have leased the property, to proceed at once to the erection of a new block. The new building will be of brick and stone, with a frontage of 60 feet on Pandora Street, will be two stories in height, and will contain three stores; with warerooms, etc., on the second flat. The estimated cost is $15,000.

A Pioneer's Funeral.

The funeral of the late R. D. Thornhill took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Pandora street, to the Methodist church, where a service was held by Rev. J. E. Starr, and thence to Ross Bay Cemetery, where the interment took place. The funeral was very largely attended, almost all the members of the Pioneer Society being present. The following were the pall-bearers: Noah Shakespeare, Andrew Shaw, Jonathan Bullen, Morris Moss, E. C. Johnston and Isaac Walsh.

From Barkerville.

The new smelting works at Barkerville are now completely finished, and, says Mr. Martin, the government engineer, are now ready for receiving quartz just as soon as it is brought in. The works have been run for four or five hours, and everything found to be in perfect working order. Just at present there is very little going on at and about Barkerville. Mining operations have been suspended for the winter, and will probably not be resumed for another two months, when the new smelter will be put to work. The prospects for the coming spring are very promising. The "Black Jack" company have put up a mill of about 5 tons capacity, run by water power, and improvements are being made, and are to be made, on every hand.

Young Men's Christian Association.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. was held at the rooms last evening, the President, Hon. John Robson, in the chair. Reports were received from the various committees, all showing a favorable condition of affairs. The finance committee hope to finish their canvass for funds this month, and secure the needed amount to carry the Association to the end of its year in September. From the report of the general secretary it was shown that the average attendance at the rooms had been 84 per day, and that the four Sunday afternoon services had had an average attendance of 91.

There were two members added to the rooms committee and the committee instructed to proceed at once in the matter of securing accommodations to meet the growing needs of the work. The association will also be incorporated as soon as possible.

A Unique Entertainment.

This afternoon an entertainment will be given in the Y. M. C. A. hall by the pupils of the British Columbia school for the deaf and dumb, of which Mr. John Ashcroft is principal. The following is the programme, and it certainly cannot fail to be of interest to all who attend:

Opening remarks by the chairman, Mayor Grant; "First Steps," illustrated by a first year pupil; "Nearer My God to Thee," sign recitation, by Miss Edith Jones; articulation and speech reading; "The Arrow and the Song," and "The Child's Prayer," sign recitations, Flora Churton; "Advanced Work;" "The Lord's Prayer," and "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," sign recitations, Frank Wiggett; "God, Save the Queen," in signs by the pupils.

The sign recitations will exhibit the graceful, silent and touching natural language of the deaf and dumb. The "First Steps" and "Advanced Work" will bring out the methods whereby a knowledge of written language is imparted. When it is remembered that the pupils, on entering school, are utterly ignorant of words, their forms and uses, the results will be better understood. The use made of symbols and the explanation of their necessity during the presentation of this part of the programme should also be noted.

Farewell to Mr. Swinnerton.

Mr. Robert Swinnerton, one of our esteemed young citizens, for some time past in the employ of Messrs. Robert Ward & Co., was treated to a farewell supper at the Poodle Dog last night by his fellow employes on the eve of his departure for Port Angeles, where he intends making his home in future.

More Than its Weight in Gold.

Edgar Marvin, jr., brought back with him from San Francisco yesterday a Japanese pug dog, recently presented to him by Frisco friends. The little animal is of the hairless variety, and weighing exactly one pound. "Dog meat" is generally rated at three cents per pound, but in this case it comes high, as the diminutive creature is valued at $300. Gold, be it known, is priced at $18 per ounce, so Mr. Marvin can now be said to possess a dog worth more than its weight in gold.

The Home for Magdalens.

The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who have in hand the establishment of a home for fallen women, will be thankful to receive any donations, either in money, furniture or furnishings, which may be sent to Mrs. Cridge, Mrs. David Spencer, Mrs. James Flett, or Mrs. M. L. Rugg. A home has been purchased on Cormorant street, and will very shortly be opened under the management of a suitable matron, to receive such of the unfortunate as desire shelter. A committee of ladies elected from the various religious denominations in the city will superintend the management of the Home and they will be assisted by an advisory board of gentlemen composed of both the clergy and laity. An annual report, containing an accurate account of the success of the Home, financial and otherwise, will be furnished by the officers of this committee and published.

The objects of the Home are charitable in the truest sense of the term, and it is to be hoped that the ladies of the W. C. T. U. will receive every encouragement in their noble work.

CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M.)

Bertha Baker appeared before his honor yesterday on remand charged with being the keeper of a house of ill fame. A plea of "guilty" was entered, and the usual fine of $50 was imposed, five days being allowed to pay it in.

Mary, an Indian woman, whom the superintendent pronounced an habitual drunkard, followed her usual practice when brought before the magistrate, pleaded guilty and retired to jail for one month.

On Ling pleaded guilty to an infraction of the city by-laws and promised not to offend again. Sentence was deferred until to-day.

Mee Wah, and other Chinese washemen, were again charged on remand with the old offence of not paying their licenses. His honor briefly reviewed the much-remanded case; quoted the opinion given in a similar case by the chief justice, who was of the opinion that the tax was far too high to be in reason, and dismissed the case.

Mr. Theo. Davie appeared in answer to a summons, charged with driving over James Bay bridge at a pace faster than that prescribed by law.

Mr. Davie explained why he had not appeared in answer to the summons on Wednesday, and stated that he should never have been asked to appear, as he was not guilty of the offence charged.

Officer Levin deposed that Mr. Davie and two friends crossed the bridge in a carriage on the 26th January, driving at a pace faster than a walk. On being cross-examined by Mr. Davie, witness admitted that the defendant's horse was only going at a slow trot, but still it was a trot. Would not swear that the pace was faster than four miles an hour.

Mr. Davie stated that he remembered the occasion very well, and was sure that he was not driving faster than a walk, and assured the court that the case had not been correctly stated.

His Honor said that he would have to go by the evidence, and impose the usual fine; as, he remarked, it would never do to let Mr. Davie off and fine some poor man $40 for the same offence.

Mr. Davie remarked that it appeared because he was a member of the Legislature, the petty prosecution to which he was being subjected, had been got up to cause a little excitement.

A discussion followed, His Honor stating that he could not recognize Theodore Davie, Esq., M. P. P., it was simply Theodore Davie, who was defendant in this case. If Mr. Davie had asked legal advice, his counsel would, without doubt, have told him to plead guilty.

Mr. Davie could not agree with the remark, and objected to being fined unless more evidence was produced. He could go into the box himself and swear that the charge was false.

Officer Levin said that he could produce witnesses, and the case was accordingly adjourned until Wednesday.

William, an Indian, went down for a month, the penalty imposed for drunkenness.

PERSONAL.

J. A. Laidlaw, of Westminster, arrived by the steamer Princess Louise yesterday afternoon.

Rev. J. E. Starr returned from Nanaimo yesterday afternoon.

Alex. Munro, accountant of the H. B. Company in this city, leaves for Montreal to-day, to meet the directors of the company in a conference on its affairs.

Edward Allen, M. P. P. for Lillooet district, arrived down last evening.

A. H. Cameron, W. L. Cusack, C. McDonough and F. A. Pauline were passengers by the Islander last night.

Robert McDermott, of Vancouver, came down last evening by the Islander.

Capt. Wrenhart arrived from Vancouver last evening.

R. H. Lee, of Kamloops, is at the Clarence.

J. E. Hyman, of Montreal, is at the Clarence.

W. A. and Mrs. Hughes, of Seattle, came over by the Sound steamer yesterday and are at the Clarence.

Sig. Koninski, of St. Louis, Mo., is in the city.

Edgar Marvin, Jr., returned from San Francisco yesterday.

C. Gardner Johnson, of Vancouver, is at the Driard.

G. Glaser, journalist, of London, England, and Mrs. Glaser are at the Driard.

J. Ottenheimer, of New York, one of the directors of the C. P. R., arrived in the city last evening, and is a guest at the Driard.

Hon. F. G. Vernon left for Vancouver this morning. He will return to-morrow evening.

To Captains and Ship Owners.

Just arrived another lot of the celebrated Windsor ship stoves. Call and examine them at GEO. PHILLIPS, 152 Government street. 1*m.

A MADMAN'S ANTICS.

The Strange Visitor Found in the Reformed Episcopal Church—He Appropriates the Altar Cloth.

John Creed, the sexton of the Reformed Episcopal Church, met with a decided surprise last evening when he went to the church to make the usual preparations for the choir practice, held every Friday evening. The door of the church he found badly shattered, with two of the panels crushed in. On entering, another surprise awaited him. His supply of tapers had mysteriously disappeared. Having at last managed to get a light, his eyes fell upon the third and last of the series of surprises. A black slouch hat lay upon the communion table, which had been stripped of its covering. As he put out his hand to remove the objectionable headgear, he heard a hoarse voice behind him, and turning, saw the owner, a thick set, muscular man, who informed him that if he laid his hand on that hat, he "would pay for the action with his life." Seeing that he had a madman to deal with, Mr. Creed wisely refrained from carrying out his original intention, and left the hat alone. His strange visitor then informed him that he had slept in the church two nights and was just going to bed, his bed being formed of seat cushions and clerical robes piled upon the communion table. Realizing how matters stood, Mr. Creed wisely withdrew, leaving the maniac in possession, and sent immediately for the police. An officer soon arrived, but on entering the church, found that the man had disappeared by the side door of the church, taking with him an altar cloth of very rich and expensive material.

Nothing more was heard of the intruder until between eight and nine o'clock, when Officer Miller and Detective Dunstan, of the Provincial police, noticed a man in the new Law Courts, whose peculiar actions soon made them suspicious. He carried under his arm the missing altar cloth, which they at first mistook for the Court Register's robe, and he was at once arrested on suspicion of theft. When locked up at the police station it was found that the name of the unfortunate man is Alfred Madden, and that he has been subject for many years to fits of insanity, being on one occasion an inmate of the Provincial asylum. Owing to the incident at the church, and the momentary excitement that it caused, no choir practice was held, and the fair singers were careful to avoid all dark passages in going home, they were so afraid, they said, of "that horrid man."

THE DEAF MUTES.

Novel and Interesting Entertainment—Creditable Alike to Teacher and Pupils.

The announcement that the pupils of the school for deaf mutes were to give an exhibition of their attainments caused some curiosity as to what these children were capable of, and as to the nature of the entertainment to be given.

Consequently, in response to invitations and general announcement, there assembled in the Y. M. C. A. hall yesterday afternoon an audience which completely filled the large room.

Mayor Grant opened the meeting with some remarks, characterizing the work as a noble and necessary one.

"First Steps," the second item on the programe, proved interesting in the highest degree, and little Flora Churton, a pupil of five months' standing, surprised the audience by the extent of knowledge acquired in that time.

The sign recitations, "Nearer My God to Thee," and "The Lord Is My Shepherd," were impressively, gracefully and touchingly rendered by Miss Edith Jones, and their interpretation by Mr. Ashcroft enabled the audience to follow them intelligently.

Articulation and speech-reading—a diagram on the blackboard illustrating the vocal organs—was explained by the principal, as was also the methods by which the peculiar symbols called "Visible speech" were derived from it.

The other sign recitations and advanced work still sustained the interest of those present, and at the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Ashcroft received many congratulations and good wishes for the success of the work.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

The Nanaimo customs returns for the month of January were $3,035.73.

A young lad who shipped as a cabin boy on the ship Glory of the Seas previous to the vessel's departure from San Francisco has disappeared. When the ship reached Nanaimo the lad took a boat to go fishing, and has not since been seen or heard of. The supposition is that he fell overboard and was drowned.

The barn and its contents of Mr. Thos. Akenhead, Millstream, near Wellington, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. There was no insurance.

The La Belle Social Club is the last in the list of private dancing clubs. Mr. M. Johnson is president, and Mr. J. C. Anderson secretary.

Chas. A. Anderson, of this city, and Miss Abolene Maria Schols were married yesterday at the residence of Mr. Peter Buckley, on the Esquimalt road. Rev. Donald Fraser performed the ceremony.

The Gordon Hotel, on Johnson street, has been purchased by Mr. W. McKeown.

J. R. Polley, the defaulting ex-agent of the O. R. & N. Company, is now known positively to be in Victoria.

Mr. John Murray, of Langley, on Saturday last killed the largest black bear ever shot on the Lower Fraser. The animal weighed over 400 pounds, and was 7 feet 6 inches in length.

In Portland, on Wednesday, Mrs. E. A. A. Brown, formally of this city, was granted a divorce from her husband, John, on the ground of cruelty and neglect. Brown is alleged to have at one time made efforts to have his unfortunate wife placed in a lunatic asylum.

Capt. J. D. Warren has disposed of his schooner, the Mary Taylor, to Capt. Wm. Pettit and Mr. Fred Carne, Jr., for $4,000.

A. Onderdonk is at present engaged in promoting the scheme for the construction of an elevated railway in Chicago. He was in Ottawa a few days ago.

Angus Fraser, of Vancouver, has received an order for fifteen sticks of timber 100 feet in length and two feet in diameter at the small end. The contract is that they be delivered at New York in thirty days from date. The consignment will be sent *via* the C. P. R.

The notorious Mollie Adams, who was fined in the police court on Wednesday, has taken her departure from the city, thanks to the superintendent of police, who has determined to wage war against all such characters as the woman Adams.

A meeting of all interested in the fur sealing will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the office of Messrs. E. B. Marvin & Co.

Jules Levy, the great cornet player, with his new opera and concert company, are starting on a western and northwestern trip from Syracuse, N. Y., and expect to visit Victoria sometime this spring.

Yesterday morning Mr. William Pridham found a stray horse attached to a light buggy in front of his residence on the Burnside road. The owner has not yet appeared.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Real Estate Sales.

Mr. F. G. Richards, jr., yesterday completed the sale of $3,000 worth of property in James' Bay; and also disposed of several acres of land on the Saanich Road at the rate of $800 per acre. Several other sales are pending.

Outgoing Passengers.

The steamer Walla Walla left yesterday for San Francisco with the following passengers: James H. Faulkner, B. G. Peart, P. D. Beardsley, Jas. Dalton and wife, Mrs. M. C. Waldron, Mrs. Bunster, Robt. McKenzie, Dr. LeBallister, Peter Sabiston, Dan Ross, Wm. Marshall, H. Harford, H. Sanson, and three in the steerage.

Beacon Hill Park Estate.

Messrs. Lowenberg, Harris & Co. on Friday disposed of eighteen lots in the parcel of land advertised in THE COLONIST as the Beacon Hill Park estate. These lots are most advantageously situated, and are in great demand for residential purposes. The firm have but a few of the lots left, and intending purchasers of this property should not delay in securing at least a portion thereof.

The "Premier" to be Docked.

The C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Premier will leave Seattle on Tuesday for this port, and on Wednesday she will be placed in the Esquimalt dry dock to have the barnacles scraped off her hull, and to undergo a few minor repairs. It is expected the steamer will be able to resume her regular trips from Seattle to Vancouver by Saturday next.

Funeral of Mrs. Cameron.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hugh Cameron took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her son, Mr. Alex. Cameron, Beacon Hill. The services were conducted by Rev. P. McF. Macleod, and a very large number of sorrowing friends were present. The following were the pall bearers: Thos. Moffatt, J. B. Lovell, A. Gilmore, J. Robertson, Alex. Jack, Alex. Wright, T. J. Dearberg and Donald McKay.

Mortuary Returns.

During the month of January there were 24 interments in Ross Bay cemetery, 17 whites, 5 Chinese and 2 Indians. Death resulted from the following causes: Poisoning, 1; heart disease, 2; bright's disease, 1; dropsy, 2; suicide, 1; disease of the lungs, 3; drowning, 1; old age, 1; disease of the throat, 1; disease of liver, 1; inflammation of bowels, 2; still born, 1; hemorrhage, 1; disease of the stomach, 1; disease of the brain, 2; convulsions, 1; blood poisoning, 2.

Obituary.

Mrs. Gavin Anderson, the beloved wife of Gavin Anderson, engineer at the electric light station, died at eleven o'clock last night at her home on Chatham Street. The young wife, who was but nineteen years of age, leaves a loving husband and an infant child, to miss her. Oh! so bitterly. She had only been a resident of Victoria for about one year, but had during that time made many friends, whose sympathy will go out to the grief stricken husband in his sad bereavement.

"The Towsite of Port Kells."

This is a new prospective townsite, situated about ten miles above Westminster city, on the south bank of the Frazer, and immediately at the point where the Westminster Southern first strikes the river. The new "port" is named after Mr. Henry Kells, who owns over a hundred acres at that point. He has erected buildings for his own use, established a steamboat landing, made arrangements for having his land surveyed into town lots, and, altogether, the appearances are that "Port Kells" will soon be the nucleus at least of a future town.—*Columbian.*

Death of D. T. Fairbairn.

On Friday night, D. T. Fairbairn, a well known all-round newspaper man who recently worked at his trade as a printer in this city, died at St. Joseph's hospital of inflammation of the brain. The deceased was a native of the province of Ontario, and was in the 29th year of his age. He was unmarried, and was at one time editor of the Port Arthur *Sentinel* and later of the Kamloops newspaper of the same name. His parents who live in the East have been communicated with and are now on their way to Victoria. The deceased was well known and highly respected by all who enjoyed the honor of his friendship.

Severely Afflicted.

The many friends of Mr. George Thomson, M. P. P., and Mrs. Thomson, of Nanaimo, will learn with sincere regret of the heavy affliction which has befallen them. On Friday, their two little daughters, Alice, aged eight years, and Ethel, aged two years, passed away; the cause of death being that dread disease, diphtheria. The funeral obsequies took place on Friday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Joseph Hall, of the Methodist church. The three remaining children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomson are down with the same disease. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved parents in their hour of sorrow.

B. C. Fruit Growers' Association.

A large and thoroughly representative meeting of the fruit growers of the province, was held in Vancouver on Friday evening, for the purpose of forming a provincial fruit growers' association. The chair was occupied by Mayor Oppenheimer, and the utmost enthusiasm was manifested throughout. The association having been duly organized, the following officers were unanimously elected:

President, J. M. Browning, Vancouver.

1st Vice-President, Thos. Cunningham, New Westminster.

2d Vice-President, G. W. Henry, Maple Ridge.

Secretary-Treasurer, A. H. B. McGowan, *pro tem.*

Board of Directors: Vancouver city and vicinity, G. Mackay; Westminster city and vicinity, Peter Latham; Victoria city and vicinity, G. A. McTavish; Richmond, O. D. Sweet; Chilliwhack, John Reece; Sumas, D. H. McGillivray; Matsqui, C. B. Sword; Langley, Samuel Robinson; Surrey, James Punch; Burton's Prairie, H. P. Bales; Mission, William Perkins; Delta, E. Hutchinson; Maple Ridge, W. J. Harris; Yale District (Nicola), John Clapperton, (Kamloops), W. J. Roper, (Okanagan) Alfred Postill, (Spallumcheen) A. L. Fortune, (Cache Creek) John Murray, Spence's Bridge; Lillooet, R. Hay; Scooke and Esquimalt, Hon. C. E. Pooley; Salt Spring Island, John P. Booth; Comox and vicinity, W. M. Dingwall; Saanich, J. D. Bryant; Mayne Island, R. T. Figg; Nanaimo, J. G. Halpenny; Cowichan, Henry Fry, Ashcroft; C. F. Cornwall; Clinton, J. Semlin, M. P. P.; North Arm, J. W. Lawson.

On motion, application was made to the provincial government for an annual grant of $1800, and to the dominion government for further assistance, the sum obtained from the dominion to be devoted toward paying the travelling expenses of members, etc. The discussion of subjects of interest to all interested in horticulture occupied the balance of the session, and it is expected that great good will result from the formation of the B. C. Fruit Grower's Association.

Another New Brick Block.

Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken have decided upon the erection of a new brick block upon the site of their present offices, at the corner of Langley and Bastion streets. Tenders for the new building will be called for immediately, and the work of construction at once commenced.

Not Yet Found.

A team of horses attached to a hack belonging to the "Fashion stables," on Fort street, was left standing on Fort street last evening, when they took fright at something on the street, a flying scrap of paper it is supposed, and started off on a run toward the Cadboro Bay road. At midnight the runaways had not yet been found.

A Question of Figures.

The Vancouver *World*, in an effort to make a point against Victoria, publishes the customs returns for both ports for the month of January, and in order to make the total of the Vancouver returns exceed Victoria's monthly total of $51,313.75, adds to the Vancouver returns the exports for the month and the free imports, bringing the total up to $59,294.10.

Grand Drawing.

Last Thursday night the large and well stocked store of the Russell McDonald Company was crowded to its utmost capacity by persons interested in the drawing for prizes in connection with their dry goods sale just successfully closed. The winning numbers are published in another column. This month they hold their annual boot and shore sale, and present their customers with valuable presents at its close.

Deserted His Wife.

Owing to a family quarrel a few days ago, William Hyman, of Nanaimo, deserted his wife on Friday and came to this city. Mrs. Hyman immediately appealed to the police, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of her husband on a charge of desertion. Officer Miller and Detective Dunston, of the Provincial police force were detailed to find the truant husband, but could get no trace of him until noon yesterday, when they discovered him on board the steamer Walla Walla, having purchased his ticket for San Francisco. Hyman was arrested, and will be taken to Nanaimo for trial. His wife came down from Nanaimo yesterday to assist in the search. The whole trouble is the outcome of a family quarrel, and should—and possibly may yet—be settled out of the courts.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

Local and General Happenings Gathered Up and Presented in a Readable Shape.

Yesterday saw the last of the celebration of Chinese New Year.

The B. C. Milling and Mining Company hold their annual meeting to-morrow at 11:30 a. m.

Rev. J. W. Wadman will conduct special services in the Methodist church at Nanaimo during the coming week.

The big chimney at the gas works is being brought about twenty feet nearer to the sky, in order to secure a better draught.

Venerable Archdeacon Scriven will address the young men's meeting in Association hall at 4 o'clock this afternoon upon the subject of temperance.

A Victoria young man, who borrowed a mining outfit and supplies from his city friends in order to try his luck at Texada, came home yesterday, having disposed of the outfit and squandered the proceeds in riotous living.

A chimney fire on Douglas street, between Yates and Fort, created a little excitement in the neighborhood between the hours of 9 and 10 last evening. The fire was extinguished without the aid of the department.

Peter, a Songish Indian, in direct disregard of the statutes, got drunk last evening and proceeded to decorate Chatham street after the most approved fashions of the pale faces. He was arrested before his fun was complete.

On Thursday evening next the St. Cecilia Choral Society, under the direction of Prof. McKiernan, will give a concert in the Cathedral school-room in aid of the fund for painting and redecorating the school-room. An excellent programme is promised.

A large boiler, shingle mill, turbine wheel and water power, from the works of J. Leigh & Sons, Orono, Ont., consigned to Messrs. William & D. Robinson, were brought over by the Islander a few nights ago, and are now lying on the C. P. N. Company's dock. The boiler and shingle mill are for Saanich, and the turbine wheel for Goldstream.

A gang of juvenile loafers, who linger about the corner of Yates and Blanchard streets, and are a disgrace to themselves, their parents and the city, amused themselves last evening by attacking a little Chinaman named Sam Sing, who is employed in one of the Chinese stores on Cormorant street. The crowd of young ruffians is the same that assaulted Mr. Hayward's Chinese servant a few nights ago.

PERSONAL.

W. Walbase, of Winnipeg, as at the Driard.

C. A. Semlin, M. P. P., arrived down last evening.

L. Dumbleton arrived from the mainland last evening.

Mrs. F. W. Vincent returned from Vancouver last evening.

W. F. Boisseau, of Brandon, Man., is spending a few days in the city.

W. P. Hudson and R. S. Van Gorder, of St. Louis, are guests at the Driard.

Robert Cunningham went up to Port Essington by the Cariboo Fly yesterday.

Capt. John Irving was in Seattle on Friday looking after the interests of the C. P. N. Co.

S. Baxter, commission merchant of Seattle, is at the Driard. His son is attending the Corrig school.

MARINE.

Steamer Sardonyx will go in the dock on Tuesday next.

Steamer Cariboo Fly sailed for northern ports at noon yesterday.

Schooner Black Diamond is stepping a new mast at Spratt's wharf.

Steamer Emma came off the ways at the Star shipyard yesterday.

The sealing schooner Allie S. Algar left Seattle yesterday for Behring Sea.

Steamer Glad Tidings went on the ways at the Star shipyard yesterday afternoon.

Tug Lottie came down from Nanaimo yesterday with a scow load of coal for J. D. Warren.

Steamer Rainbow arrived from Westminster yesterday afternoon on her first trip over after the repairs to her machinery were completed.

Steamer Walla Walla left for San Francisco yesterday afternoon. In addition to the Victoria freight she had from Port Townsend 700 barrels of oil and a few pelts; Tacoma, 80 tons of general merchandise; Vancouver, 480 tons merchandise; and Seattle, 60 tons, mostly empty kegs and hides.

A Professional Opinion.

Rev. F. Gunner, M.D., of Listowel, Ont., says regarding B.B.B., "I have used your excellent Burdock Compound in practice and in my family since 1884, and hold it No. 1 on my list of sanative remedies. Your three busy B's never sting, weaken or worry." *tts

SEATTLE'S PROSPERITY.

One of Its Live Men in Victoria—A Handsome Investment—The Value of Street Railways.

Guy C. Phinney, one of Seattle's most prosperous and progressive citizens, arrived over on the Olympian yesterday afternoon, and is at the Driard. Mr. Phinney's latest deal in real estate was the sale of a mile and a half fronting on the water north of the Seattle and Lake Eastern coal bunkers, over three miles from the centre of the city. Three or four years ago he purchased this tract for $4,000, and the other day sold it for $200,000. Mr. Phinney has always been confident of the ultimate prosperity of Seattle, and that confidence has been confirmed by recent developments. He stated last night that for months past the population of Seattle had been increased by fully one hundred daily, and that it was now a city containing over 25,000 people. Although 4,000 buildings were erected in 1888 there was still a great scarcity of dwellings, and building was being prosecuted as fast as possible.

Seattle has street cars, cable and horse power, and an electric street railway on the overhead system was now being constructed. Mr. Phinney was surprised to learn that the stock of the electric street railway for this city was not being rapidly taken up. He was confident that it would advance one hundred per cent. before the year was out if construction was now begun. The company had a good franchise and Victorians should keep every dollar of stock in the city. Outside property-holders should encourage it in every possible way. He was sure he could get the balance of the stock still to be placed taken up by Seattle capitalists within a few days. It was one of the best investments that could be made.

Mr. Phinney was always pleased to visit Victoria, and was glad to notice the many improvements made since a previous visit, and also to learn that the present year was likely to prove a most prosperous one. There was no reason why the city should not rapidly advance, and if its people fully appreciated its advantages they would soon make Victoria one of the busiest, as it was one of the most attractive, places on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Phinney was last evening greeting many old friends, he having formerly been a resident of this city and of Cariboo. He will return to Seattle this morning.

A SHEET OF FLAME.

Escaping Gas in the Office of E. Crow Baker the Cause of an Explosion.

When Arthur E. Haynes, a clerk in the employ of E. Crow Baker, M. P., reached his desk in the office at the corner of Government and Broughton streets, at about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, he noticed a strong odor of gas pervading the entire office. The junior clerk, who had swept out the office, had also remarked the fact that the gas was escaping somewhere, but could not find the leak. Upon opening the door of the vault Mr. Haynes found that the leak was within, and thoughtlessly struck a match to try and discover its exact location. The flames of the match communicated with the gas which filled the vault, and a loud explosion ensued, throwing Mr. Haynes to the floor and badly burning his face and hands. Fortunately his eyesight was not affected, and, with the help of the office boy, he in a few moments succeeded in extinguishing the burning papers. The force of the explosion shattered the window glass and shook the entire building. The office boy says that when the explosion took place a veritable "sheet of flame" burst from the vault. After putting out the fire, which destroyed only a few of the documents stowed away in the vault, the boy hastened to secure surgical aid for Mr. Haynes, who was suffering intense pain. Dr. Jackson, who was passing, dressed the burns and pronounced the patient in no danger from them. He was conveyed to his home, where Dr. Hawington is now in attendance on him, and it is not expected that he will be able to be about again for a month or more.

THE FUR SEALERS

Take Action in Consequence of the Report of the U. S. Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

In response to the announcement in Saturday's COLONIST, a meeting of gentlemen interested in the fur-sealing business and in fur-sealing vessels, was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Mr. E. B. Marvin, Wharf street, and was largely attended.

Mr. E. B. Marvin was appointed chairman and Mr. Morris Moss secretary. The chairman announced that the object for which the meeting was called was to take some action in consequence of the report of the U. S. committee on merchant marine and fisheries, submitted to congress, which recommended among other things, that the jurisdiction of the United States extend over the whole of Behring's Sea, and stigmatizing the British sealers who visited said sea as pirates.

Several of the gentlemen present expressed their views on the subject, taking exception to the report of the United States committee.

A committee consisting of Messrs. R. P. Rithet, Morris Moss and Capt. Warren were appointed to draw up resolutions to be submitted at a future meeting, and if then approved, to be forwarded to the Honorable, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The committee were also empowered to make out a list of the vessels engaged and the amount of money invested in the fur-sealing business.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet again next week at the call of the chairman.

CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M.)

On Ling, on remand, was charged in the police court yesterday morning with an infraction of the city health by law, and the case was further enlarged until Monday.

Ah Kee and Ah Sing were arraigned on the information of Dominion Officer Lewis, charged with fighting. They were guilty, they said, and each paid $5 into court.

Alexander Ross, a member of the fire department, was charged with assaulting Wm. Bryce. The defendant was shown by the evidence to have repeatedly slandered Mrs. Bryce; and her husband, as any man would, had taken him to task. His honor administered a stinging rebuke to the defendant, remarking that slandering a woman, as Ross was shown to have done, was the most contemptible thing of which a man could be guilty. The law could not protect the woman, but it could protect the man from assault. The highest penalty provided by law, $20 and costs, was accordingly imposed.

MARINE.

Steamer Cariboo Fly will leave Spratt's wharf for northern ports to-day.

Tug Pioneer broke her shaft off Cape Flattery on Monday. She was towed to Port Discovery for repairs. Her tow was taken by the Mastick, and she, too, broke down, in the Sound, and had to be taken to Seattle to repair damages.

Schooner Mary Taylor will sail on a sealing trip on Tuesday next.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE OAR.

Searle, the Australian champion oarsman, writes that he has no idea of leaving Australia, and that if O'Connor or anyone else wants to row him he must go to the Antipodes.

Albert H. Hamm, the well known oarsman, has addressed the following interesting letter to Mr. Frank Campbell, our genial and popular bulletin editor:

DEAR SIR,—I was talking to an acquaintance of yours to-day with reference to getting up a good professional regatta at Victoria. He spoke very hopefully of the prospects for the 24th of May and advised me to write to you for help and information. I believe his name was Mr. Flanders. Do you think there is any possibility of such a thing and would you help us in any way? Mr. Flanders told me there was no probability of getting anything for receipts of any kind, with the exception of a grand stand, so the purse would have to be subscribed for by the people. Now as to the amount. I will give you an idea of who would come. William O'Connor, champion of America; J. Gaudaur, ex-champion; Geo. W. Lee, of New York; Henry Peterson, of San Francisco, and myself. The sum of $1,000. say in four prizes, would induce them to come as they are all here now, and that might never happen again; so you see it is an opportunity not to be lost, and the amount mentioned would not more than pay the expenses of the trip up there and back. Of course the people are rather chary about subscribing to anything of that kind, but it would be a great advantage even in the line of advertisement; and then again it would be quite an idea for the celebration of the Queen's birthday. Those oarsmen whom I mentioned have all a world-wide reputation, and would, without doubt, make a *grand race.* I can assure you it would be contested in a square manner. I can guarantee that all would compete with the exception of Peterson. I am not sure about him; but we could probably get Paine or some of the boys up there to go in.

However, as soon as you find out the feeling in the matter I wish you would let me know, as it would take some time to arrange, so that there would be nothing to prevent the men being on hand.

ALBERT H. HAMM, Oarsman.

Oarsman Hamm's letter, published yesterday, presents an opportunity that should be at once accepted. A thoroughly first-class regatta, such as he suggests, if arranged for the Queen's Birthday, would draw thousands to Victoria, and would doubtless prove one of the greatest events of the year. Lovers of true sport would come from far and near to see such men as O'Connor, Gaudaur, Lee, Hamm and Peterson. Visitors bring money to the city with them, and in consequence, as a purely business transaction, the regatta would be most desirable. One thousand dollars, the sum which in prizes would induce the oarsmen to come, should easily be raised in one day for the purpose of making the regatta a reality. A meeting ought at once be called, to decide on accepting the offer made by Mr. Hamm. A two days' programme, with amateur races included, could be arranged with little difficulty, and hotel men, merchants, and, in fact, all classes of the community, should be ready to respond liberally to any call upon their pockets for financial aid in making the regatta a success.

Now that there is every prospect of a professional regatta being arranged in this city for the 24th of May, it would be well for our rowing club to make their plans known. Do they, or do they not intend to do *something* to advance aquatic sport in Victoria? "Amateur's" letter, recently published, contained some very pertinent queries. Will not some of the pushers of the rowing club take the trouble to reply? If the already organized club have not sufficient ambition or energy to get to work, there is a number of young oarsmen here who can and will.

Vancouver perple are not slow to observe a good chance; and quickly take advantage of it. A few days ago publicity was given a letter from Hamm, the oarsman, stating that if $1,000 was offered in prizes in a professional regatta at Victoria on May 24th; O'Connor, Gaudaur and three other celebrated scullers would take part. Victoria people have taken no action towards accepting, but four Vancouver sports have. A letter is now on its way to Hamm, stating that Vancouver would offer all the inducements asked, to have the regatta take place at the Terminal instead of the Capital City. Therefore it behooves us to be up and doing, inasmuch as we want the regatta in Victoria, and mean to have it.

A letter received from San Francisco last evening from a well known Bay City sport, contains an offer to Wm. Paine, of this city, to go to 'Frisco, there to be thoroughly trained and brought to the front rank in rowing circles. His San Francisco admirers are willing to pay all expenses, and have already several races in view.