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THE CITY.

The Annual Tea.

The Annual Tea Meeting of the Pandora Avenue Methodist church will take place during the first week in May.

Free, Gratis.

In future, notices of marriages and births, when brought to this office by persons known to be responsible, will be inserted in the DAILY COLONIST free of charge.

Succeeded His Father.

Mr. Arthur Englehardt, who has for some time past been engaged with the Northern Pacific Railway Company in this city, has resigned his position to assume charge of the business of his father, the late J. E. F. Englehardt.

The Foresters Meet.

In a few weeks a juvenile lodge of Foresters will be organized, to which boys ranging from seven to sixteen years will be admitted. Members will receive free medical attendance. The Foresters expect to have their regular picnic early in the summer.

Anniversary of a Wreck.

Yesterday, April 14th, was the 26th anniversary of the wreck of the old-time side-wheel steamer, Labouchere, off Point Reyes. The recollection of that unfortunate event calls back to mind the old days when San Francisco and Victoria were many days apart.

Returning Home.

Ten sailors of H. M. S. Warspite, who have been paid off, left for their homes in England, last evening, by C. P. R. There are about thirty more to leave the ships now in Esquimalt, and it is understood some 250 men will be sent out some time next month to fill vacancies caused by deaths or desertions.

"They are Fr'ood Men the Day."

The following gentlemen have received notification that they have successfully passed the examination for Provincial Land Surveyors, lately completed, viz: W. A. Bauer, George Corrigan, K. L. Burnett, Geo. H. Dausen, H. E. Twigg, of Vancouver; Jas. E. Ross, D. L. S., of New Westminster, and Thos. H. Parr, of Victoria.

A Strong Combination.

It is already announced that the two great actors, Frederick Warde and Louis James, have formed a partnership for next season, and will then revive "Julius Cæsar," "Francesca di Remini," "Othello," and "Memnon," not forgetting "The Lion's Mouth." Mr. James is a strong romantic actor, and his chances for fame and fortune are very bright.

South Vancouver.

To-day's issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains a proclamation setting forth the terms, conditions, etc., on which letters patent have been granted to the municipality of South Vancouver, in accordance with the terms of the Municipal Act. The nomination day is fixed for April 30, and polling (if any) for May 7, Mr. James Tuttle, of Lulu Island, being named returning officer.

A Rich Mining District.

Mr. Geo. S. McTavish, of Cassiar, who is at the Driard Hotel, will urge upon the Government through the member for the district, Mr. Hall, the necessity of granting aid for the building of a trail through the Takou country from Telegraph Creek to Takou Lake. The claim made is that this is a work which must be done in order to open up a rich mining country. This is the same rich district of which mention was made some six weeks ago in the COLONIST. At that time the facts of the case were stated and the necessity of the work was referred to.

Captain Munroe Dead.

The death of Capt. Daniel Munroe, which occurred, yesterday morning, at his late residence, 239 Johnson street, this city, will be deeply regretted by an extended circle of friends and acquaintances. Deceased, who was 51 years of age, came to Victoria some nine years ago, and was for a time in the service of the C.P.N. company, afterwards commanding the schooners Favorite and Forward, and also later on having been in charge of the Lottie. He was also part owner of the steamer Sadie. The funeral is announced to take place from the family residence, 239 Johnson street, at 2:30 o'clock, and from the First Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

Salmon Prices.

An Astoria dispatch of the 13th says: "Salmon packers here deny the correctness of statements relative to the current price of Alaska salmon contained in the New York Commercial Bulletin. They say that the San Francisco price for Alaska salmon is $1.05 free on board, and that no Alaska salmon has been offered in Liverpool for reshipment to New York at $1.07½. Salmon packers say that the Alaska association will maintain the price for salmon, and has made no sales below $1.05 since it sold 50,000 cases in January to a San Francisco firm at $1. As the aggregated pack this year may be 570,000 cases less than last year, it is felt that the market for canned salmon in general will be firm throughout the present season. Moreover, sales of Columbia river salmon for future delivery have been unusually large this year."

Appeal Cases Submitted.

A San Francisco despatch of yesterday says: "Two cases in which English tugboats have been fined for towing vessels in American waters, were argued and submitted in the Circuit Court of Appeals, today. The British steam tug Pilot was seized on May 5, 1891, on Puget Sound, by the Collector of Customs because she engaged in towing the ship Valley Forge to Port Angeles, which is an American port. A fine of $643 was imposed, and this the owners of the tug refused to pay. The case was tried by United States District Judge C. H. Hanford, who gave judgment against the Pilot, and it is from that judgment that the appeal is now pending. The second case is similar. It concerns the tug Lorne, which was seized, April 18, under like circumstances and in the same locality as the Pilot, but in the Lorne's case her owners, Dunsmuir & Sons, paid the fine of $884 imposed at the time, but afterward sued Collector Bradshaw for the recovery of the amount, claiming that the fine was unlawful. Judge Hanford held to the contrary, however, and an appeal was taken.

A Feasible Route.

Mr. A. W. Houson called in at the COLONIST office, yesterday, to confirm Mr. Benj. Franklin's report as to the feasibility of a wagon road from Knight's Inlet into the Chilcotin. He tramped all over the country in question 24 or 25 years ago, and pronounces it the best grazing and agricultural section in British Columbia—the Fraser valley not excepted. The way into Chilcotin from Knight's Inlet is easy, and if a wagon road is constructed, it will, no doubt, soon be followed by the railway builders. As early as 1864, Knight's Inlet was famed all over the Coast for its great halibut banks, and one schooner in particular used to come from San Francisco, cut in from the great glacier only a short distance from the salt water, run it down the Tsouita river to the schooner, and with it keep their catch fresh for the San Francisco market. The industry was a very profitable one, until the Customs people took a hand in the game, and the stealing of Canadian ice and fish was suddenly terminated.

KOOTENAY MINES.

Mr. J. R Robertson Talks of His Visit to the Kootenay Lake District.

Mr. J. R. Robertson, of Menzies street, returned, the other day, from the Kootenay Mining district, where he has spent some weeks investigating the prospects. As many readers are aware, before making Victoria his home, he resided for some years in New York city, being intimately connected with various English interests in the States. In reply to the interrogations of a representative of the COLONIST, this gentleman expressed himself as very much struck with the buoyant feeling expressed by every one he met on the Kootenay lakes.

Mr. Robertson made a personal inspection of the various townsites on Kootenay lake, and stated that, with the exception of Nelson and Ainsworth, the evidences of future development were in the most primitive stages. Perhaps outside the above named towns, the place showing most signs of movement is Pilot Bay, at which point land is being cleared preparatory to a smelter being erected in the fall. Outside Nelson and Ainsworth, however, there was as yet no town in anything more than the earliest stages of development, but not posing as a prophet, he regretted he could not anticipate what might happen in the remote future. Mr. Robertson rode into the country before the opening of navigation, in February, and states that well-informed people still consider that it will be another month before new trails can be cut or prospecting carried on in any but the low shores of the lakes and rivers, a very short distance from which brings one to the snow line.

Mr. Robertson expressed himself as very much pleased with the facilities afforded him of making a personal examination of the work done on many of the more prominent mines, which inspection showed much recent work had been done in development. Since the lumber famine came to an end, many new buildings have been put up in Nelson, and the handsome new buildings of the Bank of British Columbia and Bank of Montreal, as also the spacious buildings being erected (also on Baker street) by the proprietors of the Miner, are proving a great addition to the city.

Whilst the people of Nelson are prepared to welcome all railroads coming to their city, they feel that already they are now supplied with means of communication far beyond what they had last year, and it is the openly expressed local opinion that if possible, the Nelsonites purpose to keep all the lots sold at the Government sale, this month, for local men, so that outsiders wanting lots will have to go provided with well-supplied pocketbooks.

Mr. Robertson spoke in a very guarded strain, but generally seemed to think that bright days were in store for certain portions of the district. He said that the American element was making itself felt—the American papers sharing with the COLONIST the tables in the hotels. Referring to these latter, Mr. Robertson stated that the hotels were doing well, and looking forward to having all they can do to furnish accommodation for their guests.

A TOURIST PARTY.

First Raymond Excursion of the 1892 Season Arrives at Victoria.

The first Raymond-Whitcomb party of tourists for the season of 1892 arrived here yesterday afternoon, by the City of Kingston, from Seattle, and are quartered at the Driard. Mr. H. C. Lyon, a veteran excursion manager, is in charge, and the following are the names of the visitors:

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Farquhar, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Learned, H. H. Learned, W. L. Mitchell, E. P. Bond, and J. H. Farrer, of Boston; Mr. Sanford Winter, of Brockton; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Abbott, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woolworth, of Niagara Falls; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Savery, of East Wareham, Mass; Mrs. J. D. Ray, of Duluth; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hinse, of Jersey City; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Root, of Waterbury, Mrs. O. M. Baker, of Springfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Doten, of Portland, Me., and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dunn, of Gardner, Mass.

Immediately after the arrival of the steamer, the party proceeded to take in the town, and, as they have only until this evening, at 6 o'clock, to see the sights, it was deemed advisable to lose no time. At Seattle there was a heavy rain falling, and, in consequence, the full measure of enjoyment was not allowed. The visitors are, however, delighted with the sunshine and balmy breezes of the capital city, and some of them expressed the wish that they might be able to stay a few days longer. Amongst other places they propose to visit to-day, are Esquimalt and the naval yards, where they will be able to see some of the warships of the Pacific squadron.

The different members of the party congregated at San Francisco, having come from their homes by various routes to that city. Thence they came north to Portland, and from Portland to Seattle, then on to Victoria. Their next place of call will be Tacoma, from which city they go by the Northern Pacific railway to St. Paul and Minneapolis, leaving Tacoma on Tuesday evening next. There are a number of distinguished people in the various walks of life amongst the party. One of these is Lawrence Abbott, of New York, president of the Christian Union Publishing company, and a grandson of Jacob Abbott, whose Rollo books and other stories for children were the delight of boys and girls a generation ago. His father, Rev. Lyman Abbott, one of the best known clergymen of the United States, succeeded Rev. Henry Ward Beecher of pastor of the famous Plymouth church of Brooklyn. Mr. Abbott himself was graduated from Amherst college in 1881, and after several years of experience in daily and weekly newspaper work—part of it in San Francisco—he took his present position as publisher of the Christian Union. This paper was founded by Henry Ward Beecher, and Rev. Lyman Abbott is now editor-in-chief.

This excursion party is but the forerunner of others that are now being arranged. In June the Alaskan tourist parties will be out this way, and the next month will be followed by several others which only take in the coast and the intervening scenery.

BACK FROM THE SOUTH.

H. M. S. Melpomene Runs Into Esquimalt Harbor After Her Winter in Chili.

Some Interesting, Though Unimportant, Details of Her Trip—A Pleasant Cruise.

H.M.S. Melpomene is back in harbor once more, looking just as smart and clean cut as ever, as she steamed into Esquimalt yesterday, after an absence of several months. By some strange coincidence, whether or not it is her special aptness for the work is not known, she generally gets most of the "scout" work on whichever station she happens to be cruising, and during her last voyage was given a good deal of duty of this character. News reached Admiral Hotham that the Pacific mail steamer, John Elder, was ashore on the rocks in a dangerous position near Caranza Point, and it was by the immediate action of the Melpomene that the whole of the passengers are saved, and £60,000 in specie, with several bags of mail taken off the ill-fated vessel, which went to pieces a few hours afterwards. The details of this wreck were published in the COLONIST several weeks ago.

In Coquimbo the Melpomene received telegraphic instructions from the Admiralty office in London to proceed down the coast to Juan de Fernandez and rescue the shipwrecked sailors of an American barque that had been wrecked in the locality. A start was at once made, and a day and night search kept up, but without any result, no trace of any men being found.

As an instance of the immense use British men-of-war are in Southern American waters it may be mentioned incidently that six-sevenths of the shipwrecked crews relieved and taken into port are delivered from death by them. Indeed, it has become the custom whenever any such catastrophe occurs there to at once put the nearest warship flying the Union Jack in possession of the facts, the authorities being positive that all human ingenuity will be expended promptly and efficiently.

The monotony of the voyage of the Melpomene was most pleasantly broken several times by landing, target practice with big guns, the longest manoeuvres being executed during the steamer's stay off Tokimo. There were no deaths during the trip, and but seven desertions, four marines and three stokers getting away to the varied and questionable attractions of a life on shore. The officers of the warship are loud in their praises of Chilian hospitality, and all state that they were treated royally by the representatives of that impetuous but generous nation on every possible occasion.

The whole Chilian revolution was seen at different periods by the Melpomene, and she fetches all kinds of accounts of several startling scenes in the progress of the rebellion. H. M. S. Champion, on arrival here last year, gave all these details in full, however, so that a recapitulation would be useless.

Once, when in Coquimbo harbor, the Melpomene experienced a terrible gale, during the progress of which she lost her long boat and cutter under rather peculiar circumstances, which served to bring out the sterling bravery of Lieut. Harvey. A big ship near the Melpomene dragged her anchors, and the long boat and the cutter were sent out to help her catch bottom again. They had no sooner started, with Mr. Harvey in command, before they were overturned. With great difficulty the crews were rescued, the lieutenant being the last man aboard. He immediately ordered the whale boat manned, and, though half drowned already, took command of her and went in search of the empty boats, which, however, could not be recovered.

When Coquimbo was left smallpox was committing fearful ravages among the natives. The ship will go into dock, next week, for a general overhauling.

ELECTRICITY IS KING.

In the County Court Yesterday—An Action of Wires, Volts, and Accusations of Negligence.

The County Court room was hardly big enough to hold the crowd of interested spectators and witnesses who gathered yesterday to listen to the case of Earle v. The Corporation, which was up for hearing before the Chief Justice. The details of the action need no recapitulation. The facts were produced in evidence by several witnesses and the trial only got interesting at the points where technical information was given by several employes of the various electric light stations in the city.

Messrs. McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, the Corporation being defended by Mr. Pryor, from the office of Eberts & Taylor, the city barristers. Messrs. Belyea & Gregory, representing the Tramway Co., at the beginning of the proceedings objected to a notice having been given them by the Corporation, to the effect that the company was a third party in the suit under the rules of Order X. The city claimed that if any accident had happened it was the fault of the Tramway Co. The Chief Justice overruled the objection. Mr. Gregory then appeared in the action and asked that the Tramway Company be directed to be dismissed from the action on the ground that it was an unproper case for the service of a third party notice. If that was refused the Company would ask that direction be given as to a trial of the question between the defendants and the third party, under Order X, Rule III.

His Lordship ruled that the Tramway Company could appear by counsel or not, just as they pleased. If they wished to leave things alone they could receive costs of appearance. If they stayed they could not ask for costs. Messrs. Belyea & Gregory elected not to appear, but a representative of the firm sat through the enquiry and evidence, watching the case for their clients.

The evidence for the plaintiff, as brought out in examination by Mr. Barnard, proved to the satisfaction of everybody that the damage, whereby the horse had been killed, was sustained through contact with a fallen electric light wire, being a portion of the apparatus of the Gamewell fire alarm system. It as also shown,—or attempted to be shown—that a Gamewell wire could not of itself have carried a sufficient current to kill an animal of the size of a horse, and must have come in contact and gained additional power from touching some other and stronger current, the conclusion, of course, being that the tramway wire was mainly responsibly for the fatality.

His Lordship, after hearing the evidence for the plaintiff, said that they had altogether overlooked the necessity of proving that the defendants were guilty of negligence. The onus of such proof, as had been laid down time and time again in cases of the character of that then before him, rested entirely with the plaintiffs, and they had not brought forward a particle of evidence in support of such a claim.

Mr. Pryor at once moved for a nonsuit, on the grounds stated by the Chief Justice, but the latter reserved the point, and said that he was ready to listen to the evidence for the defence. The case was adjourned soon afterwards.

Interesting developments as to the power and utilization of electricity are likely to come out of the case before it is concluded. Yesterday, all the prominent electricians of Victoria were present, and the usual amount of professional duelling was indulged in. Electrical genius is of an exclusive type, as is the knowledge of sanitary engineering, and several times lately the County Court has witnessed amusing passages between followers of both professions, who are often fond of the "disagree" method of argument.

CITY COUNCIL.

A Small Meeting of the Aldermen Discuss the Victoria City Bill.

The 24th May Celebration—A Public Meeting to Arrange for the Event.

A special meeting of the Council was held yesterday evening for the purpose of discussing several matters which his Worship the Mayor deemed necessary to bring up. A notice on the bulletin board and a call up over the telephone were the only means adopted to bring the Aldermen together, and the result was a small gathering. Mayor Beaven was on hand punctually, as were also Ald. Lovell, Munn, McKillican, Styles and Humber. Ald. Hall subsequently arrived; but the City Clerk was not present, and in consequence certain documents were unobtainable, and business was limited. The Mayor called attention to the following clause inserted in "the Victoria City Private Act" by the Legislature, and requested an expression of opinion as to whether the Council desired the bill to proceed or otherwise:—

"Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or in the Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act 1885, the Corporation of Victoria shall not distribute water within the areas where the Esquimalt Waterworks Co. have the right to distribute water under their Act, unless the company shall fail to furnish an adequate supply, or shall demand rates in excess of those charged by the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

"It will be observed," added His Worship, "that this clause deals with that portion of the city that is in the district of Esquimalt, which was brought within the city by the extension of the limits in January, 1891. I bring this matter before you to ask whether, under the circumstances, you deem it advisable that the bill be proceeded with or withdrawn."

ALD. LOVELL—It seems to me to be a most outrageous piece of legislation—legislating away the rights of the city. It is monstrous. I cannot understand that any person having the interest of the city at heart, could sanction such a measure.

THE MAYOR—I think very much as you do; but there were 19 members of the Legislature voted for it, and but nine against.

ALD. LOVELL—Must we submit to it?

THE MAYOR—The Corporation can withdraw the bill.

ALD. MUNN—And if that be done, we will have just the same powers as we had last year. Is that not so?

THE MAYOR—Yes, so far as the supply of water is concerned.

ALD. STYLES—I don't feel in favor of that bill. If it passes, it deprives the city of the right of supplying the people of Victoria West with water. We have the streets and sidewalks to look after there, and if we cannot collect water rates, what is to be our revenue? Can we stop the bill?

THE MAYOR—You instructed me to introduce it. If the bill passes its third reading and is assented to, then it becomes law. It has not yet come up for its third reading. When the bill came up in Committee of the Whole, I stopped it at that stage, so as to ascertain your wishes on the subject.

ALD. STYLES—If we don't approve this, will the whole bill have to be withdrawn?

THE MAYOR answered in the affirmative.

ALD. STYLES thought it suspicious that this clause was not introduced at first.

THE MAYOR—It was brought in in the Private Bills committee.

ALD. LOVELL favored the withdrawal of the bill.

ALD. STYLES thought there might be features in the bill worth retaining.

ALD. MCKILLICAN pronounced it unjust on the part of the Legislature to introduce such a clause to the detriment of the city's interest. They would not treat their own property in that way, and should not interfere with the city's revenue. But then, there were representatives in the Legislature who cared very little for the interests of Victoria.

ALD. HUMBER asked what would be done in the case of a fire in the district. The water supplied was from the Esquimalt Co., and the city would have no right to attach to the hydrants. This might be a very serious matter.

ALD. LOVELL—The bill is not part of the municipal law?

THE MAYOR—No. It has nothing whatever to do with it.

ALD. MUNN did not think there was much to lose whether the bill passed or not; in fact it would be better to withdraw it. The interference of the Legislature in the Goldstream matter was not at all acceptable, and if private or corporate interests were to be interfered with in this manner it would doubtless prove anything but beneficial to Victoria.

ALD. HUMBER suggested that the people there should be supplied with water free of cost. This would soon pull down the company.

ALD. HALL believed that Victoria West would be a very important place in the near future, and the interests of the city in its water works should be preserved.

After a good deal of discussion it was decided to postpone the matter until Wednesday next, and to authorize the Mayor to withdraw the bill should it come up in the Legislature before that day.

ALD. HALL asked when His Worship proposed to hold a public meeting to arrange for the 24th May celebration. He hoped the Council would vote a reasonable sum for the purpose.

THE MAYOR explained that he had been instrumental in having a clause introduced into the Municipal Act which would make such a vote legal.

ALD. HUMBER thought that a vote of $1,000 from the House over the bay would be acceptable.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting on Thursday evening next, to discuss the matter of celebrating the 24th.

The Council adjourned.

Dr. Hall, who has been in a serious condition as a result of his buggy accident some days ago, is progressing satisfactorily, and will probably be out of hospital in a few weeks.

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THE CITY.

A New Company.

The Union Ice Co. of Tacoma, Seattle, & Whatcom, have signified their intention of within a short time erecting a large plant in this city.

Two Pictures.

It is estimated that, on completion, the new Driard hotel will have cost fully $150,000. Every day the building is becoming more and more an attractive and graceful object. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that standing directly opposite it, on Broad street, is a broken down, disgraceful looking stable, not worth carrying away. The contrast is remarkable.

An Obstruction to be Removed.

In front of nearly every hardware store and plumbers' shop in the city may be noticed heavy rolls of lead, placed, it is true, not very far out on the sidewalk, but just far enough to nearly cut off the toes of an unwary pedestrian on a dark night. A city alderman met with an unfortunate accident of this nature, the other day, and the public may expect, before long, to see the ordinance, relating to obstruction of the sidewalks, carried out rigorously. As has been remarked by great philosophers, "To what small accidents may we owe a grand revolution in public affairs!"

A Useful Publication.

The 139th volume of the U. S. Postal Guide has been received at this office. It contains, as usual, a great deal of interesting and valuable information, among which is the following item: The number of postmistresses in the United States is now 6,335. Pennsylvania, with 460, heads the list, and Alaska comes at the bottom with one. The Guide contains a long discussion concerning better post-marking, and a letter from Mr. John Wannamaker, P.M.G., on the service generally, for the receipts of which he shows an enormous increase over March of last year.

A Well-Known Pioneer Dead.

Henry Fry, sr., J.P., an old pioneer of Cowichan district, and for one term a member of the Provincial Legislature, died at his home at Duncan's station, yesterday morning, at the age of 66 years. Deceased was for many years Government agent for Cowichan, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was born at Barnstaple, England. His family of sons and daughters included the wife of Mr. J. C. Prevost, registrar of the Supreme Court, and his eldest son, the well-known provincial land surveyor. Mr. Fry was a typical British Columbian, and was a man whose death will be greatly regretted by all who knew and honored him. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

A Chapter of Accidents.

Three upsets were reported from the Gorge, yesterday, but luckily none of them terminated seriously, a result brought about by sheer good luck and not from any merit of the parties. One boat load of five young men, who were attempting to pull through the Gorge bridge at a fancy stroke, suddenly found themselves minus their craft and were whirled into the hand bridge, where they held on until pulled up by the people above. It is suggested that as the boating season is now approaching, a notice should be posted in a conspicuous position at the Gorge warning strangers of the danger of going through the narrow passage without the exercise of special care.

Will this Pleasure be Withdrawn?

A great many lovers of music were dis ap pointed yesterday afternoon when on visiting Beacon Hill, which, by the way, looked beautiful in its new spring dress, they found that, contrary to expectation, the rotunda, and that during the afternoon no sweet strains were wafted over the lake beyond it. The Warspite's band was generally expected to perform and the reason for their non-appearance cannot be learnt. Several of the City Aldermen were spoken to yesterday regarding a small appropriation for the purpose every Saturday, and the opinions expressed varied a great deal, one member of the Finance Committee speaking very strongly against such action, another prominent member of the Streets Committee and Fire Warden supporting the project very heartily. The matter will probably come up for discussion during the week.

A Handsome Edifice.

The Gorge Road Methodist Church is fast approaching completion, and, when handed over by the contractors, will be as neat and comfortable an edifice as there is on the island. The site of the new church adjoins that of the old one, and it will probably be opened within the next month. The basement is of stone, while the outer walls are of brick. There are three main entrances, the doorways being of cut stone, approached by a series of steps. The front and side doors lead to a spacious vestibule, and the inside arrangements are all of the most approved style. The pulpit, reading desk and chair are located in a horse shoe, the style of church arrangement so popular now, and can be viewed with advantage from any quarter of the church. The main floor is an amphitheatre, with a gradual and graceful incline, affording good seating accommodation, which is also added to by a comfortable gallery. The building is heated by steam and lighted by electricity, a beautiful chandelier being suspended from the centre of an arched ceiling. The furnishings are got up in the most comfortable style possible, and with stained glass windows and everything new and good, the Gorge Road Church will be a model in its way. The present old building will be used as a Sunday school and assembly hall.

An Abandoned Voyage.

About 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon two men went to MacIntosh's boat-house and hired the "Plug" for the afternoon. The "Plug" is a well known sail boat, and although old is a perfectly staunch seagoing craft. Towards evening the boat was seen off Brotchie Ledge, and at that time, as there was little wind, the occupants, had they so desired, could easily have rowed back into harbor. As the boat was found next morning drifting around Ross Bay with her sail still set, it is supposed that the men allowed her to drift with the current and after stepping ashore at Ross Bay left the craft to her devices. That is the story they told to their friends in the city that evening, previously to leaving on the City of Kingston for Seattle. The boat, when found, had been badly damaged by striking the rocks, and it will cost her owner about $40 to repair her, and perhaps $25 more to bring her back to the boat house. It was evidently the intention of the men that hired her to sail across the straits in the "Plug," and it is very probable that they intended to carry as passengers on the plunger several man-o'-waremen who wished to pay a visit to Uncle Sam's domains. The presence of a naval picket around Beacon Hill and Ross Bay probably interferred with the plans of the intending excursionists, and the organizers of the scheme thought it advisable to escape an inquiry by a hurried departure.

A GALAXY OF SPORTS.

Baseball, Lacrosse, Cricket and Other Athletic Games for the Easter Holidays.

To-Morrow's Attractions—The Games of Friday and Saturday—Some Fine Shooting.

AFTER a week of indifferent sunshine and storm the weather, on Good Friday, was everything that could be desired, and the streets of the city were practically deserted at midday, everyone seeking Beacon Hill to witness baseball and cricket, or betaking themselves to the Gorge, where a flotilla of pleasure craft lay till the chill evening breeze warned the rowers to return. It was the opening day of the season for cricket and baseball, and the Albion and Dockyard clubs opposed each other at the English game on the grounds of the former club, whilst the Victoria Athletic and James Bay Baseball clubs played the first match of their series at the American National game.

BASEBALL.

THE JAMES BAYS VS. THE V. A. C.'S

Colonel Sam Sea's men had a picnic in the first game of the season with the V. A. C., winning in a canter. It was a great game, and everybody seemed happy, except the gentleman that tried to catch a ball on his new Christy. The Colonel, with a beautiful bonquet in his coat, sat on the bench all smiles—for everything came his way. The usual crowd of small boys made themselves conspicuous around the different points of the diamond, and their shrill cries were rather too encouraging. Jackson and Hannon were the features of the game, their battery work being the admiration of everyone. Although suffering from a weak arm, Jackson soon gauged the form of the opposing batters, and it didn't take him a week to do it. Ball after ball sailed straight up the centre aisle into Hannan's hair mattress, there to find a secure resting place. Lenfesty pitched a very good game until the seventh innings, when something went wrong, and a concussion took place which resembled the blasting in the Douglas street sewer, and the ball went sailing away toward the bear pit. If Lenfesty was tired the batters were not, and five times it went in the same direction. Huxtable was like a full blown peach, and resembled a pea on a drum. The base playing of Wishart and Widdowson was exceptionally good, as was also that of Scott and Hayes. In fact everyone fielded well. Franklin's catch in the crowd near third, Gowen's at centre and Brunell's in the same place brought down the crowd. It is to be regretted that Capt. Gouge met with an accident just before the game and sprained his ankle. He would doubtless have been of great assistance. Taking into consideration the bad weather of late, which has allowed but little practice, both teams put up good ball, and continually being in the field will tend to make both teams put up fine ball as the season advances.

SCORE.

James Bay.	R.	H.	E.	V. A. C.	R.	H.	E.
Widdowson, 2b	0	0	0	Hayes, 2b	0	0	0
Franklin, 3b	0	0	0	Robinson, 3b	0	0	0
Hannan, c	0	1	0	Huxtable, c	0	1	0
Williams, s.s	1	0	0	Smith, s.s	0	0	2
Gowen, c.f	1	0	0	Burnell, c.f	0	1	1
Hewlett, l.f	1	1	1	Wrigglesworth	0	0	2
Wishart, 1b	1	1	1	Scott, 1b	0	0	0
Meade, r.f	2	2	0	Scott, W., r.f	1	1	0
Jackson, p	2	1	0	Lenfesty, p	0	0	0
Total	8	6	2	Total	1	5	5

James Bay ..... 0 0 2 0 0 1 5 0 — 8
V. A. C. ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 — 1

2 base hits—Jackson, W. Scott; 3 b. h.—Hewlett; s.b—Jackson, Hayes, Scott, Brunell; b. on balls—Wishart, Hayes; b. on hit by p.—Gowen, Franklin; s.o.—Jackson 12, Lenfesty 10; p.b.—Hannan 2; w.p.—Jackson 1, Lenfesty 2.

Umpire—J. Haverlden.

THE GUN.

At their new grounds at Oak Bay the Victoria Gun club held their first meeting, and considering the slight amount of practice so far indulged in by the members the scores were very creditable. Peoria black birds were used, and quite a number of spectators enjoyed the sport. The following were the scores:

Routledge cup, final, 25 points possible. W. Bickford, 21; O. Weiler, 19; W. H. Adams, 19; J. Thompson, 14.

ROD AND REEL (Given by Short & Son).

S. Whittaker	10
A. Whittaker	11
T. Bickford	19
O. Weiler	20
W. H. Adams	14
H. N. Short	20
E. J. Wall	15
J. Switzer	8
R. Short	10
G. Giles	14
G. Wynne	16
E. Grigg	17
T. C. Smith	16
W. White	19
W. Henley	12
W. McCluskey	9
C. Weiler	15
H. O'Brien	6
R. George	12
J. Thompson	13
H. Clay	15
F. G. Norris	16
G. Stelly	9

Short and Weiler tied with 20 points apiece, and Mr. Short, being a member of the firm awarding the prize, did not wish to shoot off, and Mr. Weiler was declared the winner.

The following were the scores for the three cash prizes, $10 in each class:

FIRST CLASS.

O. Weiler	21
W. White	16
J. Thompson	16
W. Bickford	22
W. Henley	19
H. N. Short	21

SECOND CLASS.

W. H. Adams	17
J. Switzer	12
G. Wynne	16
A. Whittaker	11
E. J. Wall	15
H. Clay	14
F. G. Norris	17
E. Grigg	15

THIRD CLASS.

S. Whittaker	9
C. Weiler	16
T. Smith	19

The next shoot will be held at the club grounds to-morrow (Easter Monday).

LACROSSE.

The members of the Victoria Lacrosse Club were out in fine force at the Caledonian grounds, and a very lively practice was the result. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays a general practice will take place in the evening, and members are requested to attend as often as possible, as the club wishes to put its strongest team in the field against New Westminster on the Queen's Birthday. The shower bath in the club dressing room was well patronized on Friday, after the practice. Members wishing to take a little outdoor exercise can do so now without having the trouble of carrying their lacrosse suit and shoes to and from the grounds. About 20 lockers have been put in, and accommodation can be secured on application to the treasurer, Mr. Lowe.

CRICKET.

ROYAL DOCKYARD C.C. VS. ALBION C.C.

The cricket season of 1892 opened on Friday under most favorable circumstances with the above match, on the new ground of the Albion C.C., and although it was a trifle soft and slow, yet, considering that the weather of late had been altogether against practice, there were some fairly good scores made on both sides.

Goepel won the toss and decided to send the Albions to the wickets. The first two fell for three runs, and Hewitt was out by a very brilliant catch by McAnally in the long field; Pegram and Dunn played well for 12 each, the innings closing for 55.

For the Dockyard, Goodwin with 14 and Goepel with 23 showed very fair form, the latter being the last man out, with the total at 68—13 runs to the good.

In the second innings of the Albions, Schwengers (not out) 25 and Hewitt 17 played very well. The wicket keeping on both sides was very good, as the few extras will show. Pauline for the Albions and Clayards for the Dockyard filling this responsible position. The following is the score:—

ALBION C. C.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Thomas, b Goepel	3	b McAnally	9
Schwengers, c Goepel, b Wells	0	not out	25
Hewitt, c McAnally, b Goepel	6	c Excell, b Ferris	17
Martin, c and b Wells	1	b Goepel	8
Pegram, b Wells	12		
Medway, b Wells	4	b McAnally	1
Danby, b McAnally	2		
Pauline, b Wells	5	not out	4
Taylor, not out	6		
Dunn, c Goepel, b Ferris	12	c Clayards, b Wells	1
Martin, b McAnally	0	b Wells	3
Extras	4		3
Total	55		71

ROYAL DOCKYARD C. C.

Ferris, run out	3
Fuller, b H. Martin	8
Goodwin, c Thomas, b Dunn	14
McAnally, st Pauline, b H Martin	1
Goepel, b Medway	23
Innes, b Thomas	1
Clayards, c and b Thomas	0
Wells, c and b Thomas	6
James, b Medway	0
Excell, not out	2
Foster (sub.) st Pauline, b Medway	3
Extras	1
Total	68

CORRIG COLLEGE V. ALBION C. C.

Over 300 spectators assembled yesterday to watch the match between the Corrig College and the Albion C.C. at Beacon Hill. The weather was fine and the wicket all that could be desired. Corridg began the battery. The first 3 wickets soon fell to the bowling of Murray and Elliot, and things were dull for the College till Selkirk and Cartwright got together. Runs then came quickly till Selkirk was out from a very doubtful stump. Field knocked up in free style, but the last wicket fell quickly, Cartwright carrying out his bat for 31, scored by good cricket.

The Albions, who have not had the same practice as their youthful antagonists, did not make a very good show, and the side were all out for 42. Murray scored a capital 17, and B. Schwenger defended his wicket well for 5. G. Wilson bowled very well for the College, taking 5 wickets for only 13 runs. Elliot and Murray each took 5 wickets for the Albion Club.

The Albion batting was very good, but the bowling and fielding of the College boys spoke volumes for their careful coaching.

The score is appended:

Corrig College.		Albion C C.	
P. Macleod, c	1	J. Murray, r. o	0
D. Macleod, c	3	J. Brown, b	17
R. Wilson, b	0	C. Schwenger, b	3
C. Cartwright, n. o	31	J. Falls, r. o	3
R. Selkirk, s	8	B. Schwenger, c	5
P. Higgins, c	0	McConnon, b	0
G. Wilson, c	0	R. Johnston, c	4
A. Field, c	8	B. Williams, c	4
F. Green, c	0	D. Williams, c	0
J. Rithet, b	0	H. Hewitt, n. o	3
S. Hartnagle, c	0	J. Elliot, c	2
Extras	11	Extras	1
Total	62	Total	42

QUOITS.

Among the seniors, this popular game will have quite a boom in Victoria during the coming season. Mr. George Fairbrother has made many improvements on his grounds at Spring Ridge, and a number of close and exciting games were played there on Friday afternoon.

BILLIARDS.

A match at English billiards will be played in the city, within a few weeks, for a big stake, between ten or a dozen local players, who are well known for their powers with the cue. The match will be a handicap game, and will be played out in four runs.

A Three-Weeks' Tour.

Mr. George Berry and his Imperial Theatre Stock company have said good bye to Victoria for three weeks, during which they will visit Vancouver, Nanaimo, and New Westminster, and produce plays in each city. They will open here again early in May.

Choice and Seasonable.

Several of the friends of Messrs. A. Ewen, Thos. Ladner and D. J. Munn, of Westminster, were pleasantly surprised, on Thursday evening, at receiving some fine spring salm